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PLAN OF ACTION ON THE AMERICAN DECLARATION ON  
THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (2017-2021)<sup>1/2/</sup>

(Adopted at the first plenary session, held on June 20, 2017)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND the Charter of the Organization of American States, the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, the American Convention on Human Rights, the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and other inter-American and international instruments, in particular the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

REAFFIRMING that the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples establishes that progress in promoting and effectively protecting the rights of the indigenous peoples of the Americas is a priority for the Organization of American States; and

MINDFUL of the work undertaken by the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights,

RESOLVES:

To adopt the following Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

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1. The United States does not join consensus on this resolution, consistent with our persistent objections to the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples initially placed ...
  2. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela does not agree to any commitment or mandate issued in this resolution as it did not participate in the negotiation of said resolution. ...



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I. MISSION

The promotion of public administrative, legislative, judicial and budgetary policies to ensure that indigenous peoples in the Americas enjoy and exercise all of their rights.

II. VISION

Member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) develop and implement in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples policies, programs and projects for the recognition, promotion, and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples established in the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (ADRIP).

III. MAINSTREAMING

The implementation of this plan will be crosscutting, adopting a balanced perspective on civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights, and the collective rights of indigenous peoples. Moreover, particular attention will be given to marginalized and vulnerable groups within indigenous communities, who suffer multiple, aggravated and concomitant forms of discrimination.

IV. GENDER PERSPECTIVE

The Plan will adopt a gender perspective so as to promote balance, the empowerment and visibility of indigenous women, and the elimination of all forms of discrimination. By adopting a gender perspective, the Plan seeks to promote a dialogue based on respect for diversity that takes into consideration the varying effects that policies and programs will have on indigenous women and young girls.

V. INTERCULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

The adoption of an intercultural approach is intended to promote the creation of policies that value and acknowledge ethnic and cultural diversity, and which are based on respect for cultural differences, in accordance with each people's cosmovision, the opening of spaces for dialogue, and the establishment or strengthening of consultation mechanisms to obtain their free, prior, and informed consent.

VI. MAIN OBJECTIVE

To contribute to the full recognition, exercise, and enjoyment of the rights of indigenous peoples at the national and hemispheric levels through the support of the OAS and other bodies of the inter-American system.

## VII. ACTIVITIES

To promote and draw attention to the culture of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, furthering and encouraging different activities in the framework of the OAS and at the national level to promote their traditions, recognize the value of their languages, transmit their history, and draw attention to their contributions in different fields.

To mark International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on August 9 each year and to commemorate 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

## VIII. STRATEGIC LINES OF THE ACTION PLAN:

1. Dissemination and education on the ADRIP
2. Implementation of the ADRIP
3. Capacity building for states, indigenous peoples, and civil society
4. Sustainable development of indigenous peoples
5. Exchanges of best practices and experience

1. Dissemination and education on the ADRIP

General Objective: To disseminate the contents of the ADRIP across all sectors, in order to incorporate the rights of indigenous peoples in all spheres of public life in a crosscutting and intercultural way.

### 1.1 At the national level:

#### a. For the general population:

- i. Devise and carry out campaigns with key messages to promote knowledge, understanding, and respect for the rights of indigenous peoples, in all their diversity, as recognized in the ADRIP.
- ii. Disseminate the Declaration in accessible formats distributed during educational campaigns on the rights of indigenous peoples.
- iii. Suggest including in national curricula the study, from an intercultural perspective, of the rights, principles, and norms of indigenous peoples recognized in the ADRIP.
- iv. Encourage institutions and universities to disseminate the rights, principles, and norms of indigenous peoples in their higher education curricula.

- b. For indigenous peoples:
  - i. Disseminate among indigenous peoples, in as many indigenous languages as possible, information about the human rights standards recognized in the ADRIP and in other relevant instruments.
  - ii. Disseminate information among indigenous peoples about effective and suitable recourse, including expeditious judicial remedies, to redress any violation of their collective or individual rights.
- c. For civil servants:
  - i. Disseminate and raise awareness of the ADRIP in State institutions in a crosscutting and intercultural way not limited to those responsible for indigenous issues, with a special emphasis on education, health, justice, and security.
  - ii. Seek to include information on the rights of indigenous peoples in the education and training of civil servants.

1.2 At the hemispheric level:

- a. Disseminate information and raise awareness about the ADRIP in a crosscutting and intercultural way.
- b. Develop, through the OAS, a social and electronic media campaign to disseminate key messages to promote knowledge and understanding of the rights of the indigenous peoples, in all their diversity, as recognized in the ADRIP.

2. Implementation of the ADRIP

General Objective: To promote the incorporation and implementation in a crosscutting and intercultural way of the rights of indigenous peoples recognized in ADRIP in all areas of public life of states.

2.1 At the national level:

- a. Formulate and implement action plans, strategies, and other measures to achieve the purposes of the ADRIP through public policies and legislative, regulatory, and administrative measures.
- b. Promote the establishment or strengthening of mechanisms for participation, consultation, and platforms for dialogue between the State and indigenous peoples.

- c. Strengthen intercultural education and health programs as part of indigenous peoples' rights.
- d. Implement affirmative-action policies to foster the enjoyment of human rights by indigenous peoples, especially in the area of economic, social, and cultural rights.
- e. Adopt measures to support the hiring of indigenous persons across sectors without any form of discrimination.

2.2 At the hemispheric level:

Review the possibility of creating an institutional monitoring mechanism within the framework of the OAS, based on experience acquired in other international organizations, to monitor implementation of the ADRIP at the hemispheric level. This review should include discussions on options for the mechanism's mandate, format and costs.

3. Capacity building for states, indigenous peoples, and civil society

General Objective: To promote capacity building of civil servants, indigenous peoples, and civil society to help bring about full enjoyment of rights and protection for indigenous peoples, within a framework of equality, respect, and nondiscrimination, so as to strengthen intercultural societies.

3.1 At the national level:

a. For civil servants:

Develop training programs for civil servants at all levels of government in a crosscutting and intercultural way, with particular emphasis on those whose duties are directly or indirectly related to indigenous issues.

b. For indigenous peoples and civil society:

- i. Develop professionalization and training programs for indigenous representatives and civil society organizations in a crosscutting, intersecting, and intercultural way, with special emphasis on those whose role is directly or indirectly related to indigenous issues.
- ii. Promote the development of cooperation programs for the execution of projects to strengthen the exercise of the rights of indigenous peoples consistent with the DADIN.

3.2 At the hemispheric level:

- a. Incorporate a crosscutting and intercultural perspective in the promotion and protection of the human rights of indigenous peoples in all programs and projects of the OAS and other entities of the inter-American system.
- b. Encourage training on the rights of indigenous peoples for staff of the organs, agencies, and entities of the OAS and the inter-American system.
- c. Support the work of the Office of the Special Rapporteur for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and, in particular, promote the identification of the necessary resources for it to function properly.

4. Sustainable development of indigenous peoples

General Objective: To promote the strengthening of sustainable development for indigenous peoples, ensuring full respect for their rights recognized in the ADRIP, including the establishment or strengthening of consultation mechanisms in order to achieve their free, prior, and informed consent and taking into account ongoing processes in other international forums.

4.1 At the national level:

- a. Take into account the development priorities of indigenous peoples in preparing national, local, and regional development plans and ensure that they are in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the provisions of the ADRIP.
- b. Take into account the knowledge and traditional ancestral practices of indigenous peoples, including knowledge and agricultural techniques, as well as techniques for protecting, safeguarding, and relating to natural resources in plans of action to address the adverse effects of climate change.

4.2 At the hemispheric level:

- a. Promote the coordinated and systematic participation of indigenous peoples in programs, projects and other activities related to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (2016-2021), with an emphasis on the participation of indigenous women, persons with disabilities, older persons, children, and young people.
- b. Promote an approach that respects the rights of indigenous peoples in the preparation of cooperation projects in this field, and in

activities and training opportunities offered by states and by the organs, agencies, and entities of the inter-American system.

- c. To promote an affirmative action policy for indigenous peoples in the scholarship, training, and internship programs of the organs, agencies, and entities of the inter-American system.

## 5. Exchanges of best practices and experience

General Objective: To promote dialogue between states and representatives of indigenous peoples in order to exchange experiences and assess fulfillment of the objectives of the ADRIP and this plan of action.

### 5.1 At the national level:

- a. Promote exchanges of best practices in the promotion and implementation of the ADRIP among states' national and subnational institutions.
- b. Identify, in consultation and collaboration with indigenous peoples measurable and quantifiable social, economic, and cultural indicators, as well as disaggregated data, all in line with the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030, in order to assess progress and challenges.

### 5.2 At the hemispheric level:

- a. Hold a special annual meeting of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs attended by officials from the national and subnational institutions working on indigenous issues and open to participation by representatives of indigenous peoples, in order to share information on progress, experience, lessons learned, and challenges in the implementation of the ADRIP.
- b. Promote the exchange of information on national and subnational laws and policies on the rights of indigenous peoples.
- c. Compile an inventory of standards and policies on the rights of indigenous peoples in the Americas, as well as of measurable and quantifiable indicators and targets for the entire region.

## IX. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF THE ACTION PLAN

This plan of action will remain in force for a period of four years from its adoption. Once the deadline has expired, the OAS General Assembly will evaluate the fulfillment of the proposed objectives and may request its revision and updating, consistent with the purposes and principles adopted in the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



The information and recommendations presented at the special meeting mentioned in Section VIII.5.2 of this plan of action will be integrated into the regular reports of the Permanent Council and brought to the attention of the General Assembly.

Member states will be responsible for the implementation of this plan of action, taking into account their national and subnational realities. To that end, member states may rely on existing mechanisms in the OAS and other agencies of the inter-American system.

The General Secretariat will collaborate with other organizations, universities, research and development centers, and with the public and private sectors to create synergies for the implementation of this plan of action.

States shall strive to allocate the necessary financial resources for the fulfillment of the objectives set forth in this plan of action.

FOOTNOTES

1. ... on the record in 2007 and further elaborated in our footnote to OAS General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2888 (XLVI-O/16) of June 15, 2016. In particular, we reiterate our view that the focus of the member states of the OAS should be on implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

1. ... It is still within the denunciation period established in Article 143 of the OAS Charter.