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## Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

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## Draft report

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## Chapter I

### Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

#### B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

##### Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

##### Follow-up to the outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (item 12)

1. The Permanent Forum is seriously concerned about the lack of implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, despite the commitments made in the 2014 outcome document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the establishment of the system-wide action plan to ensure a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration. Given the fact that the outcome document of World Conference on Indigenous Peoples was adopted five years ago, the Permanent Forum would highly welcome a review of the progress made in implementing it. The review should provide a framework for a comprehensive and future-oriented evaluation of the promotion of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at all levels.
2. The Permanent Forum urges Member States to develop and implement national action plans, strategies or other measures to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration and to report on their progress during the annual sessions of the Permanent Forum.
3. The Permanent Forum welcomes the work of the Government of Namibia in the development and validation of the white paper on the rights of indigenous peoples, developed with the support of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat. The Permanent Forum encourages the Government of Namibia to take measures to ensure that the white paper is approved and effectively implemented, in cooperation with indigenous peoples in Namibia. Furthermore, the Permanent Forum



encourages other States, in particular African States, to consider similar measures, consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

4. The Permanent Forum welcomes the organization of the informal interactive hearing by the President of the General Assembly to reflect on possible further measures necessary to enhance the participation of the representatives and institutions of indigenous peoples in all meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting indigenous peoples. The Permanent Forum urges Member States to convene, in cooperation with indigenous peoples, regional meetings in each of the seven sociocultural regions to discuss modalities for the enhanced participation of indigenous peoples at meetings held under the auspices of the United Nations.

5. The Permanent Forum urges the Secretary-General to appoint a special envoy, in consultation with indigenous peoples, to advance the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and invites Members States to support this initiative.

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