

1. Decides to incorporate, inter alia, the following elements for the consideration of the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session in the further elaboration of Agenda 21:

(a) Recognizing the traditional knowledge and resource management practices of indigenous people and local communities as contributions to environmentally sound and sustainable development;

(b) Recognizing that traditional and direct dependence on renewable resources and ecosystems, including sustainable subsistence harvesting, continues to be essential to the cultural, social, economic and physical well-being of indigenous people and local communities;

(c) Recognizing the need to protect the habitats of indigenous people and local communities from environmentally unsound development projects and from inappropriate integration processes;

(d) Strengthening the viability and sustainability of traditional management practices in the context of environmentally sound development, including by means of collaboration between Governments and the people and communities concerned;

(e) Supporting capacity building for indigenous people and local communities based on the adaptation and exchange of traditional experience, knowledge and resources management practices within and between regions;

(f) Supporting their development of alternative, environmentally sound means of production, to ensure the improvement of their quality of life so that they can participate in sustainable development;

(g) Mobilizing international technical and financial cooperation for the self-development of these people and communities, as a first step by means of the opportunity provided by the International Year for the World's Indigenous People;

2. Invites the Chairman of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations to contribute to the work of the secretariat, and to participate in the further deliberations on this topic by the Preparatory Committee and the Conference.

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