

3. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme of activities for the Decade;¹
4. Welcomes the resolve of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to strengthen efforts to achieve the goals of the programme of activities for the Decade;²
5. Reaffirms as a major objective of the Decade the adoption of a declaration on the rights of indigenous people, and notes that there have been two sessions of the open-ended inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights established pursuant to Commission resolution 1995/32 of 3 March 1995³ with the sole purpose of elaborating a draft declaration, considering the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, annexed to resolution 1994/45 of 26 August 1994 of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;
6. Underlines the importance of effective participation by indigenous representatives in the Working Group, and encourages organizations of indigenous people that are not already registered to participate and wish to do so to apply for authorization in accordance with the procedure set out in the annex to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/32;
7. Welcomes the Secretary-General's review of the existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous people,⁴ and requests the Secretary-General to transmit the review, prior to the fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights, to Governments, indigenous people and relevant international organizations for their comments;
8. Recognizes amongst the objectives of the Decade, as listed in the programme of activities, the consideration of the establishment of a permanent forum for indigenous people in the United Nations system;
9. Recalls its recommendation as contained in General Assembly resolution 50/157 of 21 December 1995 that the Commission on Human Rights, drawing on the results of the Copenhagen workshop⁵ and the Secretary-General's review, consider the convening of a second workshop on the possible establishment of a permanent forum for indigenous people;
10. Recommends in the light of the review that efforts be made to ensure that relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as other relevant

¹ A/51/499.

² Resolution 50/157, annex.

³ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 3 and corrigenda (E/1995/23 and Corr.1 and 2), chap. II, sect. A.

⁴ A/51/493.

⁵ E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.4/1995/7 and Add.1-3.