

(d) Note verbale dated 5 August 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/293).

4. At the 29th meeting, on 8 November, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/51/L.30

5. At the 40th meeting, on 15 November 1996, the representative of Australia, on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden and Uruguay, introduced a draft resolution entitled "International Decade of the World's Indigenous People" (A/C.3/51/L.30). Subsequently, the Congo, Kyrgyzstan, the Netherlands and the Philippines joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Australia orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 5, the word "meetings" was replaced with "sessions";

(b) In operative paragraph 15, the words "in order to assist indigenous representatives in participating in the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and the Working Group charged with elaborating a draft declaration on the rights of indigenous people" were added at the end of the paragraph;

(c) A new operative paragraph 20 was added, reading as follows:

"20. Encourages Governments to consider contributing, as appropriate, to the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean, in support of the achievement of the Decade"

and the subsequent paragraphs were renumbered accordingly.

7. At its 42nd meeting, on 18 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.30, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 10).

8. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States of America made statements (see A/C.3/51/SR.42).

9. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Japan made a statement (see A/C.3/51/SR.42).