

Recognizing the value and the diversity of cultures and the forms of social organization of the world's indigenous people,

Welcoming the report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1/ as well as resolution 1992/45 of 3 March 1992 regarding the International Year for the World's Indigenous People, adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session,

mandate → [?]
Noting the need to conclude the technical meeting provided for in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 46/128 of 17 December 1991 in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 1 of the same resolution,

1. Proclaims 1993 to be the "International Year of the World's Indigenous People", with the theme of "Indigenous People - a new partnership";
2. Calls upon the United Nations system and Governments which have not yet done so to develop policies in support of the objectives and the theme of the International Year and to strengthen the institutional framework for their implementation;
3. Urges the Coordinator of the International Year to continue to solicit actively the cooperation of specialized agencies, regional commissions, financial and development institutions and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system for the promotion of the programme of activities contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/128;
4. Requests the Coordinator to reconvene from within existing resources, in the three working days preceding the eleventh session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, the technical meeting provided for in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 46/128 with a view to concluding its deliberations and finalizing its report;
5. Stresses that governmental and intergovernmental activities undertaken within the context of the International Year and beyond, should take fully into account the development needs of indigenous people and the need for making full use of the contributions which indigenous communities can bring to sustainable national development;
6. Notes that there is a continuing need to improve the availability and the means of dissemination of socio-economic data relating to the development needs of indigenous people and that the International Year should contribute to enhancing and to facilitating the coordination capabilities of Member States for collecting and analysing information in that area;

1/ Report of the United Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3 to 14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26, vols. I to V).