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PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE
OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its third plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Third Committee considered the item at its 29th, 31st, 40th and 42nd meetings, on 8, 11, 15 and 18 November 1996. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/51/SR.29, 31, 40 and 42).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on a review of the existing mechanisms, procedures and programmes within the United Nations concerning indigenous people (A/51/493);
 - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made at the national, regional and international levels in accomplishing the objectives of the Decade and the programme of activities for the Decade (A/51/499);
 - (c) Report of the Secretary-General on status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (A/51/565);

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