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Adopts the following outcome document:

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1. We, the Heads of State and Government, Ministers and representatives of Member States, noting our solemn commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, in a spirit of cooperation with the Indigenous Peoples of the world, assembled at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 22 and 23 September 2014, on the occasion of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, to reiterate the important and continuing role of the United Nations in promoting and protecting the rights of Indigenous peoples. **[chapeaux]**

2. We welcome the contribution of indigenous peoples to the World Conference in terms of articulating the issues of greatest importance to them, as set out in the Alta Outcome Document¹ emanating from the Global Indigenous Preparatory Conference for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples held in Alta, Norway, in June 2013 (Annex 1). We also note the inclusive preparatory process for this High-level Plenary meeting, including the comprehensive engagement of the representatives of indigenous peoples. **[chapeaux]**

3. In adopting this outcome document, we commit to consult and cooperate in good faith with indigenous peoples through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them. **[chapeaux - new OP]**

4. We reaffirm our solemn commitment to promote and advance the rights of indigenous peoples, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the General Assembly on 13 September 2007²,

¹ A/67/994.

² A/RES/61/295.

which sets the minimum standards for the survival, dignity, and well-being of the Indigenous Peoples of the world. **[OP1]**

5. We recall other major achievements of the past two decades in building an international framework for the advancement of the rights and aspirations of the world's indigenous peoples, including the establishment of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the creation of an Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. **[OP2]**

6. We commit to actions at the national level intended to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including as appropriate, legislative measures, and to promote awareness of it among all sectors of society, especially Members of Parliament, the judiciary, electoral officers, educators and the civil service. **[OP4 &5]**

7. We encourage those states that have not yet ratified or acceded to the International Labour Organization Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention, 1989 (no. 169)³, to consider doing so and recall the obligation of ratifying States to take all necessary measures to make its provisions effective. **[OP6]**

8. We commit to implement national action plans devoted to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We will cooperate with indigenous peoples through their own representative institutions in the preparation of such plans. **[OP7]**

9. We acknowledge that indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions. We therefore commit to include in national action plans, special measures to address the rights and needs of indigenous persons with disabilities. **[new OP]**

10. We commit to cooperate and coordinate with indigenous peoples to disaggregate data and utilise cultural indicators to better understand and address the situation and needs of indigenous peoples, particularly elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities. **[OP11]**

11. We commit to ensure equal access to, and empower indigenous peoples to deliver as far as possible, high-quality and culturally adequate education, health, housing, and other economic and social programmes to improve their well-being, through the provision of adequate resources. **[OP31]**

12. We commit to ensure that indigenous peoples enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, including with respect to sexual and reproductive health, HIV, and non-communicable diseases, through the provision of adequate resources. **[new OP]**

13. We acknowledge the importance to indigenous peoples of development of their youth, in accordance with their aspirations and needs, and ensuring the transmission of traditional knowledge, innovation, languages and practices. We will support indigenous peoples in the development of indigenous youth, by providing adequate resources. **[OP32]**

14. We acknowledge that indigenous peoples' justice institutions can play a positive role in dispute resolution and contribute to harmonious relationships within

³ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1650, No. 28383.

indigenous peoples' communities and within society, in line with international human rights standards. We commit to coordination and dialogue with indigenous peoples' justice institutions, where those institutions exist. **[OP8 & OP9]**

15. We will increase as a matter of priority, in cooperation with indigenous peoples, our efforts to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against indigenous women, youth and children, including by strengthening relevant legal, policy and institutional frameworks. **[OP10]**

16. We commit to establish at the national level, where appropriate and necessary and in conjunction with indigenous peoples concerned, fair, independent, impartial, open and transparent mechanisms to acknowledge, advance and adjudicate the rights of indigenous peoples pertaining to their lands, territories and resources. **[OP22]**

17. We commit to define and where appropriate provide, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, programmes and resources to protect and support indigenous peoples' traditional occupations, economies, livelihoods, and food security. **[OP23]**

18. We commit to address the impact or potential impact of major development projects, including extractive industries, on indigenous peoples to ensure transparency and benefit sharing. Where appropriate, the rights of indigenous peoples regarding development of their lands, territories and resources, will be incorporated into law, policies and practice. **[OP25]**

19. We commit to give effect to indigenous peoples' right to their religious and cultural sites, including access to and repatriation of ceremonial objects and human remains. We will ensure fair, transparent and effective mechanisms are established, in conjunction with indigenous peoples concerned. **[OP12, OP26]**

20. We urge Member States to initiate processes to demilitarize indigenous peoples lands and territories, unless militarization is justified by a relevant public interest. Where militarization exists, we urge Member States to immediately commence effective consultations with the indigenous peoples concerned. **[OP33]**

21. We invite the United Nations Human Rights Council, in cooperation with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and in consultation with indigenous peoples, to recommend to the 71st session of the General Assembly on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, options to use existing United Nations mechanisms to more effectively promote respect for and full application of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. **[OP13]**

22. We invite Human Rights Treaty bodies to consider the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as appropriate. We commit, where relevant, to include information regarding indigenous rights and the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples in our reports to Human Rights Treaty bodies and in Universal Periodic Review procedures. **[OP14]**

23. We welcome the increasingly important role of national human rights institutions⁴, as well as civil society, the private sector, and academia, in the promotion and protection of the human rights of indigenous peoples and encourage their active role in achieving the ends of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. **[OP16]**

⁴ A/RES/68/171.

24. We request the Secretary-General, in consultation and cooperation with indigenous peoples, Member States, and other relevant stakeholders, to develop a System-wide Action Plan to achieve United Nations system coherence which, through the mobilization inter alia of financial cooperation and technical assistance, will contribute to the full realization of the provisions of United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. **[OP17]**
25. We invite the Secretary General, in light of the need for increased awareness of the rights of indigenous peoples, to give consideration to the appointment of a United Nations official at the highest possible level. **[OP18]**
26. We invite the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women to consider continuing to examine the causes and consequences of violence against indigenous women and girls within her mandate. We also call upon the Commission on the Status of Women to consider “the empowerment of indigenous women” as a theme for a future session, to be undertaken in consultation with the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. **[OP19]**
27. Building on the report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting participation at the United Nations of indigenous peoples’ representatives on the issues affecting them⁵, and recognizing the right of indigenous peoples to maintain and strengthen their distinct political institutions, we request the Secretary-General to further develop proposals to the General Assembly on enhanced participation of indigenous peoples’ at the United Nations. **[OP20]**
28. We invite ECOSOC to consider a broad discussion, during its Coordination and Management meetings and under the agenda item on Social and Human Rights Questions, which will explore system-wide in the UN the policies and procedures on indigenous peoples within ECOSOC subsidiary bodies, engaging with Indigenous peoples and the relevant United Nations mechanisms. **[new OP]**
29. We recognize and respect the relevance of the experiences of indigenous peoples to securing sustainable development. This includes knowledge generated through experience in hunting, gathering, fishing, pastoralism and agriculture, as well as their sciences, technologies and cultures. **[OP29 & OP30]**
30. We agree that indigenous peoples’ knowledge and strategies to sustain their environment should be respected when we develop national and international policies, standards and measures on climate change prevention, mitigation and adaptation. **[OP30]**
31. We decide to give due consideration to the rights of indigenous peoples in the post-2015 development agenda and to mainstream the promotion and protection of these rights into the development agenda at the national, regional and international levels. **[OP28]**
32. We invite Member States, the private sector, and other institutions to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples, the United Nations Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues, IFAD Indigenous Peoples Assistance Facility, and the United Nations Indigenous Peoples Partnership as a means of promoting the rights of indigenous peoples worldwide. **[OP36]**

⁵ A/HRC/21/24.

33. We request the Secretary General to include a specific focus on indigenous peoples in the final report on the achievement of the millennium development goals. **[OP38]**

34. We request the Secretary-General, in coordination with all the relevant United Nations system entities, to report on progress to the 71st session of the General Assembly and make recommendations, as appropriate, for further concrete steps to implement this outcome document. **[OP37 & OP39]**
