



# **United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

## **Report on the First session (13-24 May 2002)**

**Recommendations Specifically Pertaining to  
Indigenous Women and the Girl Child, adopted by  
the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

## **Recommendations adopted under the “First Session of the United Nations permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues”**

### **Data collection**

#### **6. The Forum:**

(a) Invites United Nations system organizations, including field offices, as well as special rapporteurs and States, to begin to disaggregate data on indigenous peoples generally and indigenous women and children specifically in two categories, covering (i) programmes and services impacting indigenous peoples, and (ii) fiscal allocations for indigenous peoples' programmes and services, and to transmit that data to the Forum on an annual basis;

(b) Invites United Nations system organizations to forward to the Forum information relating to all publications and data sources, including Internet services relating to indigenous peoples, on an annual basis;

(c) Invites United Nations system organizations to transmit to the Forum copies of all internal policies and procedures relating to indigenous peoples and to inform the Forum of any procedure or policy which limits their activities to specific regions or States.

### **2. Health**

#### **Health and the United Nations system**

9. The Forum notes the significance of incorporating indigenous understanding of the human body, the causes of health and illness and existing practices of treatment of women and men, respectively, for the development of policies and guidelines on health care. It invites the Inter-Agency Support Group:

(a) To include the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Global Fund for AIDS at its meetings;

(b) To consider ways to establish cooperation between the Forum and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);

(c) To consider, in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the relationship between food/native diet and health and subsistence lifestyle;

(d) To report to the Forum at its second session on progress made in regard to those proposals.

### **Technical seminars**

10. The Forum proposes the organization of a technical seminar, including representatives of UNDP, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund

(UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Indigenous Peoples Health Caucus, Forum members and States, in order to address and plan a system-wide strategy to address the health needs of indigenous women and children. Special emphasis should be given to issues of infant mortality, reproductive rights, sterilization, domestic abuse and addiction. The seminar should also discuss terms of reference for a study on the needs of indigenous women and children, including the collection of data from United Nations agencies, States and NGOs. Outcomes of the seminar should be forwarded to the Forum for its consideration and action at its second session.

11. The Forum proposes the organization of a second technical seminar to assess existing programmes within the United Nations system and civil society and to address the need to expand global programmes for the immunization and vaccination of marginalized indigenous communities, in particular indigenous women and children. The seminar should also assess existing safety protocols relating to immunizations and vaccinations to ensure that historic abuses which allow the use of unapproved drugs in indigenous communities and children be prevented. The outcome of the seminar should be forwarded to the Forum for its consideration and action at its second session. Attendees of the technical seminar should include UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Forum States, UNFPA, the Indigenous Peoples Health Caucus and the Global Alliance For Vaccination Initiative (GAVI). Funding for the seminar should be sought from GAVI.