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Full Text

The Forum, to underscore its long-term commitment to the issue of "indigenous women", recommends that its secretariat:

- a. Assist IANWGE in its efforts to mainstream indigenous women's issues throughout the United Nations system;
- b. Strengthen liaison with the Forum's portfolio holders in order to provide feedback on indigenous women's issues in each of the mandated areas to the Forum;
- c. Promote the monitoring and reporting on the implementation process of programmes within the United Nations system designed to address indigenous women's issues and the assessment of their impact;
- d. Increase outreach to indigenous women's groups and assist them in networking and information-sharing;
- e. Create strong liaison relationship with universities and other institutions of learning and research with the aim of mainstreaming indigenous women's issues in academic curricula, assist indigenous women's organizations in identifying and effectively utilizing available education resources and programmes, and promote capacity-building through fellowships, grants etc.;
- f. Build broad-based awareness of indigenous women's issues by increasing the Forum's media outreach (e.g., through newsletters, radio, web site, publications in journals on indigenous issues).

Comments

(a) The Task Force on Indigenous Women was initiated on 11 June 2004 following a decision of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality at its February 2004 session and the recommendations of the Permanent Forum at its third session. Members of the Task Force are the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women, both of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP, UNIFEM, the United Nation's Children's Fund, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, ILO, FAO, IFAD and the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. It is convened by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum.

The purpose of the Task Force is to integrate and strengthen gender mainstreaming as regards indigenous women's roles and the special concerns of indigenous women as an emerging key issue in the work of the United Nations system.

(b) The Secretariat of the Permanent Forum has increased its liaison work with the Forum's portfolio holders on indigenous women

(d) The Secretariat of the Permanent Forum organized two side events and a two week training for indigenous women and indigenous women's organizations during the 49th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women and Beijing +10 Review.

(f) The Secretariat of the Permanent Forum has created a web page on indigenous women on its website, and regularly updates the page on any developments in this area.

Area of Work

Indigenous Women