

Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of the General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994 “United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”

The Human Rights Council,

*Recalling* Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/32 of 3 March 1995, which established an open-ended intersessional working group with the sole purpose of elaborating a draft declaration, considering the draft contained in the annex to resolution 1994/45 of the Sub-Commission, for consideration and adoption by the General Assembly within the first International Decade of the World’s Indigenous Populations,

*Aware* that the working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of the General Assembly Resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994 has held eleven sessions between 1995 and 2006,

*Considering* that General Assembly resolution 59/174 of 20 December 2004 urges all parties involved in the process of negotiation to do their utmost to carry out successfully the mandate of the open-ended intersessional working group established by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1995/32 and to present to the General Assembly for adoption as soon as possible a final draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,

*Stressing* that paragraph 127 of the outcome document adopted at the World Summit 2005, reaffirms the commitment of the international community to adopt a final draft United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as soon as possible,

*Taking note* of the report of the eleventh session of the working group of the Commission on Human Rights (doc E/CN.4/2006/79) to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of the General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994 that took place in Geneva on December 5-16, 2005 and January 30 to February 3, 2006,

*Welcoming* the conclusion and the proposal of the Chairperson-Rapporteur contained in document E/CN.4/2006/79,

1. *Adopts* the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as proposed by the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the working group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration in accordance with paragraph 5 of the General Assembly resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994 in the annex of document E/CN.4/2006/79;
2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it adopts the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples at its 61<sup>st</sup> session.