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[without reference to a Main Committee (*A/80/L.11*)]

80/10. International Day of the World's Indigenous Women and Girls

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,² the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,³ the Convention on the Rights of the Child⁴ and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁵

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁶ the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,⁷ the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,⁸ the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action⁹ and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,¹⁰

¹ See resolution [2200 A \(XXI\)](#), annex.

² Ibid.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 660, No. 9464.

⁴ Ibid., vol. 1577, No. 27531.

⁵ Ibid., vol. 1249, No. 20378.

⁶ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

⁷ Resolution [61/295](#), annex.

⁸ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution I, annexes I and II.

⁹ See [A/CONF.189/12](#) and [A/CONF.189/12/Corr.1](#), chap. I.

¹⁰ *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution I, annex.



Reaffirming the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹¹ and that the empowerment of all women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

Reaffirming also its resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Recognizing that the participation, perspectives and knowledge of Indigenous women and girls contribute significantly to, inter alia, sustainable development, the conservation of biological diversity and natural resources, the protection of the environment, disaster risk reduction, climate resilience, the preservation and revitalization of Indigenous languages and cultures, maternal health, the intergenerational transmission of knowledge, and the promotion of Indigenous and traditional medicine,

Noting Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women general recommendation No. 39 (2022) on the rights of Indigenous women and girls¹² and general recommendation No. 40 (2024) on the equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems, respectively,¹³

Emphasizing the need for States to recognize and protect the cultural heritage, scientific and medical knowledge, literary, artistic, musical and dance expression, and natural resources, of all Indigenous Peoples, including Indigenous women and girls,

Stressing the importance of the empowerment of Indigenous women and girls, and their full, equal and meaningful participation, as appropriate, in decision-making processes at the local, national, regional and international levels, and with their free, prior and informed consent when applicable,

Stressing also the importance of enhancing the participation of Indigenous Peoples within the United Nations system on issues affecting them,

Recognizing that 5 September is commemorated in several countries as the International Day of Indigenous Women, in honour of Indigenous women leaders who have dedicated their lives to the resistance and struggles for the rights of Indigenous Peoples, to promote awareness of the rights of all Indigenous women and girls, to uphold their memory, justice, reparation and dignity,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 5 September of each year as the International Day of the World's Indigenous Women and Girls;
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers of the General Assembly, as well as the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders, for appropriate observance of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Women and Girls, in order to raise awareness of the need to recognize and respect the rights and fundamental freedoms of all Indigenous women and girls, as set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and to support their pursuit of economic, social and cultural development;

¹¹ Resolution [70/1](#).

¹² [CEDAW/C/GC/39](#).

¹³ [CEDAW/C/GC/40](#).

3. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met by voluntary contributions and that such activities would be subject to the availability and provision of voluntary contributions.

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