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**Programme of activities of the International Decade  
of the World's Indigenous People****Note by the Secretariat**

1. At its 2003 substantive session, the Economic and Social Council, by its decision 2003/306 of 25 July 2003, decided to transmit to the General Assembly the recommendation contained in draft decision VII adopted by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at its second session,<sup>1</sup> entitled "Proposal for a second international decade of the world's indigenous people", with a view to initiating consideration of such a decade, taking into account, inter alia, the forthcoming review by the Council in 2004, and further decided to initiate the review.

2. The text of draft decision VII reads: "The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly that it declare a second decade of the world's indigenous peoples after the conclusion of the current International Decade of the World's Indigenous People in 2004".

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<sup>1</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 23 (E/2003/43).*