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Chapter II

Venue, dates and proceedings of the session

1. By its decision 2013/260, the Economic and Social Council decided that the thirteenth session of the Permanent Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 May 2014.

2. At its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 12 to 14 May 2014, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 3, “Special theme: ‘Principles of good governance consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: articles 3 to 6 and 46’”. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it studies on the impacts of the Doctrine of Discovery on indigenous peoples, including mechanisms, processes and instruments of redress ([E/C.19/2014/3](#)), on best practices and examples in respect of resolving land disputes and land claims, including consideration of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (Philippines) and the Chittagong Hill Tracts Land Dispute Resolution Commission (Bangladesh) and the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights ([E/C.19/2014/4](#)), and on an optional protocol to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples focusing on a voluntary mechanism ([E/C.19/2014/7](#)), the report of the international expert group meeting on the theme “Sexual health and reproductive rights: articles 21, 22 (1), 23 and 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples” ([E/C.19/2014/8](#)) and information from States on addressing the recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues ([E/C.19/2014/10](#), also considered under items 4 (a) and 7). At its 16th meeting, on 23 May 2014, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 3 (see chap. I, sect. B).

3. At its 11th and 12th meetings, on 20 May, the Forum considered agenda item 4, “Human rights: (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of



indigenous peoples”. At its 16th meeting, on 23 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 4 (see chap. I, sect. B).

4. At its 6th meeting, on 15 May, the Forum considered agenda item 5, “Half-day discussion on the Asian region”. At its 16th meeting, on 23 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 5 (see chap. I, sect. B).

5. At its 9th and 10th meetings, on 19 May, the Forum considered agenda item 6, “Half-day discussion on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples”. At its 16th meeting, on 23 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 6 (see chap. I, sect. B).

6. At its 8th and 13th meetings on 16 and 21 May, the Forum considered agenda item 7, “Ongoing priorities and themes and follow-up: (a) Indigenous children; (b) Indigenous youth; (c) Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous Peoples; (d) Post-2015 development agenda”. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a report on the living conditions of indigenous children and adolescents in Mesoamerica and compliance with their rights ([E/C.19/2014/5](#)). At its 16th meeting, on 23 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 7 (see chap. I, sect. B).

7. At its 7th meeting, on 15 May, the Forum considered agenda item 8, “Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds”. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the report of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples’ Issues annual meeting for 2013 ([E/C.19/2014/9](#)). At its 16th meeting, on 23 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 8 (see chap. I, sect. B).

8. At its 14th and 15th meetings, on 22 May, the Forum considered agenda item 9, “Future work of the Permanent Forum, including emerging issues”. For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a note on the examination of the situation of indigenous peoples and their participation in democracies and electoral processes in Latin America under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ([E/C.19/2014/6](#)). At its 16th meeting, on 23 May, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision and its recommendations submitted under agenda item 9 (see chap. I, sects. A and B).

9. At its 15th meeting, on 22 May, the Forum considered agenda item 10, “Draft agenda for the fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum”. At its 16th meeting, on 23 May, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision submitted under agenda item 10 (see chap. I, sect. A).

Chapter III

Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its thirteenth session

10. At the 16th meeting, on 23 May, the Rapporteur introduced the draft decisions and recommendations and the draft report of the Permanent Forum on its thirteenth session.

11. At the same meeting, the Permanent Forum adopted its draft report, as orally revised.

Chapter IV

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

12. The Permanent Forum held its thirteenth session at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 May 2014. It held 16 formal meetings and 4 closed meetings to consider the items on its agenda.

13. At the 1st meeting, on 12 May, the session was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs. At the opening ceremony, Tododaho Sid Hill, of the Onondaga Nation, delivered a welcoming address. The Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council delivered statements.

14. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, the Chair of the Permanent Forum, the Governor-General of New Zealand and the Director General of the National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Mexico.

B. Attendance

15. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, intergovernmental organizations and bodies, United Nations entities, and non-governmental and indigenous organizations attended the session. The list of participants is contained in document [E/C.19/2014/INF/1](#).

C. Election of officers

16. At its 1st meeting, on 12 May, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chair:

Dalee Sambo Dorough

Vice-Chairs:

Mohammad Hassani Nejad Pirkouhi

Edward John

Gervais Nzoa

Maria Eugenia Choque Quispe

Rapporteur:

Valmaine Toki

D. Agenda

17. At its 1st meeting, on 12 May, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document [E/C.19/2014/1](#).

E. Documentation

18. A list of the documents before the Forum at its thirteenth session is contained in document [E/C.19/2014/INF/2](#). Statements delivered during the session, where provided to the Secretariat, are available at <http://papersmart.unmeetings.org>.
