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1. Election of officers

Pursuant to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, the Human Rights Council applies the rules of procedure established for committees of the General Assembly, as applicable, unless subsequently otherwise decided by the Assembly or the Council (see A/520/Rev.17). Regarding the election of officers, rule 103 of the rules of procedure provides that each committee should elect a Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs and a Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Expert Mechanism will have before it the present provisional agenda of the fourteenth session and the annotations contained therein. The Expert Mechanism will adopt the agenda, including any revisions that it may wish to make.

* Issued as received, in the language(s) of submission only.



In its resolution 32/25, the Human Rights Council decided that the Expert Mechanism should meet annually for up to five days and that the sessions may be a combination of open and private meetings as deemed necessary. At its fourteenth session, the Expert Mechanism will meet for five days, from 12 to 16 July 2020. Owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the meetings will be held virtually.

Rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that each committee should, at the beginning of the session, adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item. Accordingly, the Expert Mechanism will have before it for consideration and approval a draft timetable prepared by the secretariat showing the order and distribution of meeting times for each agenda item for the fourteenth session.

3. Study and advice on the rights of the indigenous child under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

At its inter-sessional meeting, held in Pretoria in 2019, the Expert Mechanism decided that its next annual study on the status of the rights of indigenous peoples worldwide in the achievement of the ends of the Declaration, mandated by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 33/25, paragraph 2 (a), would focus on the theme of the rights of the indigenous child. Pursuant to that decision, an expert seminar was held virtually in 2020 (see A/HRC/46/72, para. 6).

Accordingly, the Expert Mechanism has prepared a draft study on the rights of the indigenous child under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (A/HRC/EMRIP/2021/3) (see agenda item 7 below).

The Expert Mechanism and observers will make comments and suggestions on the draft study. The Expert Mechanism will subsequently finalize the study and submit it to the Council at its forty-eighth session.

4. Coordination meeting of United Nations indigenous rights mechanisms (closed meeting)

In paragraph 10 of its resolution 33/25, the Human Rights Council decided that, within its mandate, the Expert Mechanism should coordinate its work and further strengthen its participation, engagement and cooperation, as appropriate, with the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples and other United Nations bodies and processes. The Expert Mechanism will therefore hold a closed virtual meeting of United Nations indigenous rights mechanisms in order to coordinate their work and plan joint initiatives for 2021/22.

5. Interactive dialogue with the treaty bodies

Pursuant to paragraph 10 of resolution 33/25, in which the Human Rights Council decided that the Expert Mechanism should strengthen its work and cooperate with other mechanisms, and paragraph 2 (d) of the same resolution, in which the Council recalled that the Expert Mechanism has a mandate to advise on the implementation of recommendations made by other mechanisms, including the treaty bodies, the Expert Mechanism will hold a public virtual meeting with the treaty bodies for updates on their respective work.

6. Country engagement

In its resolution 33/25, the Human Rights Council decided that the Expert Mechanism should, upon request, assist Member States and/or indigenous peoples in identifying the need for and providing technical advice regarding the development of domestic legislation and policies relating to the rights of indigenous peoples.

The Expert Mechanism has carried out a number of engagement missions under its amended mandate since 2018 (Finland, 10–16 February 2018; Mexico, 26 February–2 March 2018; New Zealand, 8–13 April 2019); Sweden (2018 - 2020); Coordination of the Indigenous

Organizations of the Brazilian Amazon (COIAB)/Brazil (April 2020–April 2021). Under the present agenda item, the Expert Mechanism will hold a dialogue with various stakeholders involved in the missions.

7. Proposals to be submitted to the Human Rights Council for its consideration and approval

Pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 6/36, the Expert Mechanism may make proposals to the Council for its consideration and approval, within the scope of its work as set out by the Council. This may include proposals on how the thematic expertise of the Expert Mechanism could assist in the implementation of the Council's mandate and mechanisms.

8. Efforts to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The Expert Mechanism will present a draft report, under paragraph 2 (b) of resolution 33/25, on good practices and lessons learned regarding efforts to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, with a focus on self-determination (A/HRC/EMRIP/2021/2), and observers will be invited to make comments and suggestions on the draft report (see also agenda item 3 above). The Expert Mechanism will subsequently finalize the report and submit it to the Council at its forty-eighth session.

9. Adoption of studies and reports

The Expert Mechanism will adopt its study and advice on the rights of the indigenous child, a report examining good practices and lessons learned regarding efforts to achieve the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, focusing on self-determination, and an annual report on its work, including its fourteenth session, with a view to submitting those documents to the Human Rights Council at its forty-eighth session.
