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**Collaboration within the United Nations system and
with other intergovernmental organizations**

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

**Draft resolution proposed by the delegations of Australia, Brazil, Chile,
Cook Islands, Denmark, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines,
South Africa, United States of America, and Uruguay**

The Forty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Recalling the role of WHO in planning for and implementing the objectives of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People as recognized in resolution WHA47.27 of the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly, and resolution WHA48.24 of the Forty-eighth World Health Assembly;

Further recalling the United Nations General Assembly resolution 50/157, which adopted the programme activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, in which it is recommended that "specialized agencies of the United Nations system and other international and national agencies, as well as communities and private enterprises, should devote special attention to development activities of benefit to indigenous communities", and in this regard, that the United Nations system should establish focal points for matters concerning indigenous people in all appropriate organizations, and that the governing bodies of the specialized agencies of the United Nations system should adopt programmes of action for the Decade in their own fields of competence, in partnership with indigenous people;

Mindful of the health initiative for indigenous people undertaken by the Pan American Health Organization;

Noting document A49/24;

Welcoming the appointment by the Director-General of a focal point for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People,

REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to strengthen the focal point for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People; and,
- (2) to submit to the ninety-ninth session of the Executive Board a comprehensive programme of action for the Decade, developed in consultation with national governments and organizations of indigenous people, to be undertaken by the World Health Organization at both headquarters and regional levels, with a view to achieving the health objectives of the Decade.