

**1999/241. Working Group on Indigenous Populations  
of the Subcommission on the Promotion and  
Protection of Human Rights, and the  
International Decade of the World's  
Indigenous People**

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 27 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1999/51 of 27 April 1999,<sup>32</sup> authorized the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights<sup>36</sup> to meet for five working days prior to the fifty-first session of the Subcommission, and approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to provide adequate resources and assistance to the Working Group in the discharge of its tasks, including adequate dissemination of information about the activities of the Working Group to Governments, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and organizations of indigenous people, in order to encourage the widest possible participation in its work.