

## 1996/24. Protection of the heritage of indigenous people

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1996/63 of 23 April 1996<sup>39</sup> and resolution 1995/40 of 25 August 1995 of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,<sup>73</sup>*

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the final report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the protection of the heritage of indigenous people, Mrs. Erica-Irene A. Daes,<sup>76</sup> with its annex, as soon as possible to Governments, the specialized agencies, indigenous people's communities and organizations and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, for their comments;

2. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to prepare a supplementary report on the basis of the comments and information received from Governments, indigenous people's communities and other organizations concerned and to include in it a chapter concerning relevant activities undertaken in other forums, such as the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the World Trade Organization, and to take into consideration, *inter alia*, the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>77</sup> the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa<sup>78</sup> and other relevant international instruments;

3. *Also requests* the Special Rapporteur to submit her supplementary report to the Subcommission at its forty-eighth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the necessary assistance to enable her to carry out her mandate and to complete the study successfully;

5. *Decides* that the basic and comprehensive study prepared by the Special Rapporteur on the protection of the cultural and intellectual property of indigenous people<sup>79</sup> shall be published in all official languages and disseminated widely.

*46th plenary meeting  
23 July 1996*

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<sup>76</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/26.

<sup>77</sup> See United Nations Environment Programme, *Convention on Biological Diversity* (Environmental Law and Institution Programme Activity Centre), June 1992.

<sup>78</sup> See A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.

<sup>79</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/1993/28.