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DURBAN REVIEW CONFERENCE

Annex

**Proposal 2 adopted by the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
on 3 October 2008**

Durban Review Conference

The Expert Mechanism affirms its support for the Durban Review process and welcomes the request from the Human Rights Council to contribute to the outcome of the Durban Review Conference.

The Expert Mechanism notes the achievements in the area of indigenous peoples' rights since the 2001 Durban Conference and in particular the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the establishment of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples in 2001, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues which held its first session in May 2002 and the creation of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which met from 1 to 3 October 2008.

The Expert Mechanism also welcomes the positive steps taken by governments to address the discrimination faced by indigenous peoples including through the introduction of

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The Expert Mechanism proposes to the Human Rights Council and the Preparatory Committee for the Durban Review that it continue to provide input during the preparatory phase for the Durban Review Conference and requests that any proposals be taken into account.

The Expert Mechanism urges all future preparatory meetings to ensure indigenous participation.

The Expert Mechanism recommends that the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Expert Mechanism be invited to participate in the Durban Review Conference in April 2009.

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