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**International Expert Group Meeting on Combating Violence against
Indigenous Women and Girls: Article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on
the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

18 - 20 January 2012, New York

Programme of Work

Prepared by the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
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Wednesday 18 January 2012

10.00am – 10.30am

Opening of the Meeting by the DESA.

Item 1 Election of Chairperson and Rapporteur

Item 2 Adoption of agenda and organization of work

10.30am – 1pm

Theme 1 Addressing violence against indigenous women and girls as a Human Rights Issue

- Analysis of human rights international standards that could be applied to advancing the rights of indigenous women and girls (e.g. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, ILO 169, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Convention on the Rights of a Child, The Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (Convention of Belém do Pará), case law and comments of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, The Beijing Platform for Action;
- Analysis of how the goals and needs of indigenous women and girls may differ from the needs and goals of non-indigenous women and girls.

Opening Presentations:

3 – 6pm

Theme 2 Contextualizing Violence

- Highlight existing institutional structures that contribute to economic violence against indigenous women and girls;
- Outline how violence against indigenous women and girls is enacted through State policies and practices;
- Outline how corporate practices on indigenous lands and territories inflict violence against indigenous women and girls;
- Outline examples of good practices that could help safeguard the rights of indigenous women and girls to economic survival.

Presentations:

Thursday 19 January 2012

10.00am – 1pm

Theme 3 Manifestations of Violence

- Violence against indigenous women and girls in the name of traditional and cultural practices;
- Violence against indigenous women and girls through Armed Conflict and Militarization;
- Violence against indigenous women and girls through Migration and Displacement;
- Placing indigenous women and girls at risk through State Violence and Domestic violence.

Presentations:

3 – 6pm

Theme 4 Issues of Jurisdiction and Policing

- Provide an overview of the problems associated with different jurisdictional authorities of policing;
- Highlight the persistent barriers for reporting violence such as delays and failure to respond to complaints and inadequate and inappropriate policing;
- Highlight the persistent barriers to prosecution of perpetrators at the local, state and federal levels and discrimination in state and federal prosecutions;
- Outline examples of restorative justice.

Presentations:

Friday 20 January 2012

10.00am – 1pm

Theme 5 Anti-Violence Strategies.

- Highlight examples of indigenous women's community-based Anti-violence strategies;
- Highlights ways for developing indicators and improving data collection methods in order to measure violence against indigenous women and girls;
- Highlight measures to incorporate human rights into anti-violence programmes and projects;
- Highlight measures to strengthen indigenous women's and girl's advocacy and leadership skills.

Presentations:

3 – 6pm
Item 8

Adoption of conclusions and recommendations