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Recommends to the Human Rights Council the following draft decision for adoption:

"The Human Rights Council, taking note of resolution 2006/13 of 24 August 2006 of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, endorses the Sub-Commission's request to authorize ten meetings for the Working Group on Indigenous Populations prior to the fifty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission or of the first session of any future expert advice mechanism in 2007."

> 21st meeting 24 August 2006 [Adopted without a vote. See chap. VII.]

2006/14. Discrimination based on work and descent

The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolutions 2000/4 of 11 August 2000, 2003/22 of 13 August 2003, 2004/17 of 12 August 2004 and 2005/22 of 11 August 2005, and Commission on Human Rights decision 2005/109 of 19 April 2005,

Welcoming the progress report on discrimination based on work and descent (A/HRC/Sub.1/58/CRP.2) submitted by the Special Rapporteurs, Yozo Yokota and Chin Sung Chung,

Regretting, however, that more replies were not received from Governments, national human rights institutions and relevant organs and agencies of the United Nations system in response to the questionnaire issued by the Special Rapporteurs, and that the regional workshops proposed by the Special Rapporteurs and endorsed by the Sub-Commission in its resolution 2005/22 could not be held,

Emphasizing the importance of continuing and completing the study on discrimination based on work and descent and of finalizing draft principles and guidelines for the effective elimination of this form of discrimination,

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- I. Requests the Special Rapporteurs to continue and complete their study on discrimination based on work and descent, to finalize draft principles and guidelines for the effective elimination of this form of discrimination and to submit their final report in 2007 to the Sub-Commission or its successor body, or in the absence of either, to the Human Rights Council;
- 2. Endorses the Special Rapporteurs' proposals to organize (i) two regional workshops, one in Asia and one in Africa, before the end of the first quarter of 2007 by obtaining independent funding, in order to encourage the interactive participation of representatives of affected communities in discussions with the Special Rapporteurs on this topic; and (ii) a consultation meeting in Geneva during the second quarter of 2007, in order for the Special Rapporteurs to receive the views of Governments, United Nations bodies and agencies, non-governmental organizations and representatives of affected communities on the finalization of the draft principles and guidelines for the effective elimination of discrimination based on work and descent:
- Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide adequate assistance and support to the Special Rapporteurs to enable them to complete their study, including with regard to the organization of the proposed workshops and consultation meeting;
- 4. *Recommends* the following draft decision to the Human Rights Council for adoption:

"The Human Rights Council, taking note of resolution 2006/14 of 24 August 2006 of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, affirms the mandate of the Sub-Commission's Special Rapporteurs on discrimination based on work and descent and asks them to complete their study on this topic, including finalizing draft principles and guidelines for the effective elimination of discrimination based on work and descent, and to submit their final report in 2007 to the Sub-Commission or its successor body, or in the absence of either, to the Council. The Council also endorses the Special Rapporteurs' proposals to organize (i) two regional workshops, one in Asia and one in Africa, before the end of the first quarter of 2007

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> by obtaining independent funding, in order to encourage the interactive participation of representatives of affected communities in discussions with the Special Rapporteurs on this topic; and (ii) a consultation meeting in Geneva during the second quarter of 2007 in order for the Special Rapporteurs to receive the views of Governments, United Nations bodies and agencies, non-governmental organizations and representatives of affected communities on the finalization of the draft principles and guidelines for the effective elimination of discrimination based on work and descent. The Human Rights Council requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide adequate assistance and support to the Special Rapporteurs to enable them to complete their study, including with regard to the organization of the proposed workshops and consultation meeting."

> > 21st meeting 24 August 2006 [Adopted without a vote. See chap. VII.]

2006/15. Discrimination against leprosy-affected persons and their families

The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,

Recalling article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which stipulates that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights,

Recalling also article 2 of the Universal Declaration, which provides that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,

Recalling further article 5 of the Universal Declaration, which provides that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Concerned that millions of people suffer from discrimination resulting from physical and mental illness or handicap.