



Xth Session of the UNPO General Assembly
27-30 May 2010 - Rome, Italy
GENERAL RESOLUTION

On the occasion of the Xth session of the UNPO General Assembly, the following general resolution was adopted.

The UNPO General Assembly:

Reaffirms the commitment of Members to democracy, nonviolence, and the right to self-determination, as recognised in various international declarations and treaties including the UNPO Covenant;

Reiterates its solidarity with and full support of UNPO Members, as well as other victims of oppression, in their peaceful struggle to protect and preserve their rights and fundamental freedoms;

Declares its continued engagement with the international community and expresses serious concern on the limited opportunities for the voice of marginalised and unrepresented peoples to be heard;

Regrets that despite their obligations and pledges before the United Nations and the international community, States continue to commit serious human rights violations with impunity, and marginalise national communities and indigenous peoples without censure;

Stresses the importance of the preservation of culture, identity and language for the survival of minority and indigenous groups.

Therefore, the UNPO General Assembly;

Resolves to mark the 20th Anniversary of UNPO in 2011 with initiatives based on core, Gandhian values of nonviolent civil action, which will seek greater commitment to and understanding of the tenets of freedom, peace, truth and democracy;

Condemns the refoulement of asylum seekers to repressive countries in which they face persecution, torture or execution;

Urges states to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the ratify ILO Convention 169 Concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, with particular concern for the degradation of Members' local environs, ongoing exploitation of their natural resources and their marginalisation from decision-making processes.

Advocates creativity in finding peaceful solutions to political conflicts by assessing the merits of alternative means of power sharing to support and develop democracy, thus reaffirming the right to self determination.

Demands an end to the prevailing culture of impunity in which UNPO Members fall victim to secret detentions, extrajudicial executions, restrictions on movement, forced exile and displacement, illicit and illegal military practices, land and property extortion, violations of constitutional rights, information and economic embargos, torture and other inhumane and cruel treatment.

Urges States to demonstrate commitment to combating enforced disappearances by ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (2006).

*Adopted on 28 May 2010
Senate of the Republic of Italy
Rome, Italy*

