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Dear Participant,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Eleventh Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be convened from 7 to 18 May 2012 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The theme this year is "The Doctrine of Discovery: its enduring impact on indigenous peoples and the right to redress for past conquests (articles 28 and 37 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)". Further information on the eleventh session is available at the following link: <http://www.un.org/indigenous>

Should your organization wish to send one or more representatives to the Forum, please provide the name(s) of your designated representative(s) to us. Please use the online pre-registration system no later than **23 April 2012**: <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/register2012.html>. You must sign in to the online system using your assigned username and password (click on the link "Registration" on the right menu once you reach the website) then click on the link "Click here to Designate Representatives to this Event". In case you cannot use the online pre-registration system for any technical reason, please get in touch with us.

For further questions regarding pre-registration, please contact Civil Society and Outreach Unit, Division for Social Policy and Development, DC2-1324, United Nations, NY 10017, fax: (212) 963-3062, Email: ngo@un.org.

NGO representatives in possession of annual group-passes are also encouraged to pre-register using the Online Pre-registration System. Pre-registration allows for a proper planning of the session. This process should be completed by 23 April 2012.

It should also be understood that the costs of travel and daily subsistence, arrangements for travel, accommodation and visas are the responsibility of participants.

For additional information regarding your participation at this session of the Permanent Forum, do not hesitate to contact us at ngo@un.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chandra Roy-Henriksen', followed by a period.

Chandra Roy-Henriksen

Chief, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues