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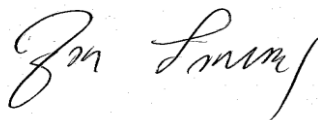
Dear Under Secretary-General,

Thank you for your invitation to the Secretary-General to contribute to the follow-up to the Eleventh Session and the preparation for the Twelfth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, which will take place at UN Headquarters in New York from 20 to 31 May 2013.

The implementation of the UNPFII's recommendations in the areas of health, education and culture are extremely important. However, the OECD is not currently specifically focusing on indigenous issues. I regret to inform you that the OECD Secretariat to the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) will not be represented at this event due to other commitments. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that we are about to release a co-edition with the World Bank Nordic Trust Fund on Human Rights, entitled, *Integrating Human Rights into Development* – and update of the 2006 OECD-DAC book and policy orientations. The study covers indigenous issues to some extent, as it provides insights into the work of several development agencies' on rights more broadly. We would therefore be interested in receiving information about the outcome of the proceedings in May and wish you the best in this important endeavour.

We would welcome being informed on the outcome of this event and wish you a very successful meeting.

Yours sincerely



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