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Dear Mr. Wu,

Thank you for your letter of 25 October 2016 in which you invite the secretariat of the UNFCCC to contribute to the sixteenth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) and provide the provisional agenda for the session.

I thank you for this opportunity and am pleased to enclose our written submission, in the form of the questionnaire you provided, entailing the action undertaken or planned by the secretariat regarding indigenous peoples' issues.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for the work of the UNPFII and for the ongoing preparations for the sixteenth session.

Yours sincerely,


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Enclosure

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UN questionnaire

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Please submit your completed questionnaire by **1 January 2017** to:

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5. Developing the capacities of States, indigenous peoples, civil society and UN personnel

Please provide information on any capacity development initiatives that your organization is conducting for indigenous peoples, government officials and UN staff. Also include information on the participation of indigenous women, children and youth as well as indigenous persons with disabilities in your response.

Several activities focusing on curating knowledge, synthesizing good practices and lessons learned, and fostering collaboration among governments, indigenous peoples and indigenous knowledge holders, civil societies and UN agencies have been implemented primarily under the Nairobi work programme and the Adaptation Committee. The synopsis of these relevant activities undertaken to date is available at <http://unfccc.int/files/adaptation/application/pdf/4_synopsis_itkp.pdf>.

In addition, Adaptation Knowledge Portal provides concrete case studies, tools and knowledge resources addressing this topic: <http://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NWP/Pages/LITKP-page.aspx>

6. Advancing the participation of indigenous peoples in UN processes

Please provide information on any support provided for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples at relevant UN bodies. Please also provide information on any consultative mechanisms, tools and other measures to obtain free, prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples in processes that affect them.

COP 22 in Marrakech agreed to adopt an incremental approach to developing the local communities and indigenous peoples platform, referred to in decision 1/CP.21 paragraph 135, with a view to ensuring its effective operationalization. Decision 1/CP.21 recognized the need to strengthen knowledge, technologies, practices and efforts of local communities and indigenous peoples related to addressing and responding to climate change, and established a platform for the exchange of experiences and sharing of best practices on mitigation and adaptation in a holistic and integrated manner.

In this regard, an open multi-stakeholder dialogue on operationalization of the platform will take place during SB46 (May 2017, Bonn). The dialogue will be co-moderated by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and a representative of indigenous peoples' organizations. Parties and relevant organizations are invited to submit their views on the purpose, content and structure of the platform by **31 March 2017**. The secretariat will prepare a report based on the outcomes of the multi-stakeholder dialogue and submissions. SBSTA will consider this report under a new agenda item "local communities and indigenous peoples' platform" at its 47th session and conclude its consideration by forwarding recommendations for operationalization of the platform to the COP.