



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

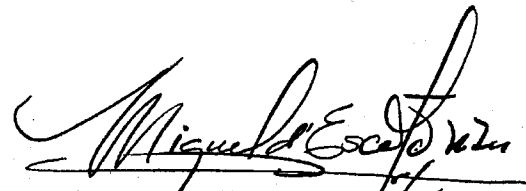
I have the honour to forward for your consideration the Report of the Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change, which contains the Anchorage Declaration, held in Anchorage, Alaska from 20 to 24 April 2009. Due to its length (93 pages), the report will be available on the official website of the President of the 63rd session:
<http://www.un.org/ga/president/63>

I strongly urge the parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to consider the findings of the report and ensure that the rights of indigenous peoples, as contained in the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, be respected and implemented.

Lastly, I would like to share with you the following message from the Anchorage Declaration:

"We (indigenous peoples) offer to share with humanity our Traditional Knowledge, innovations and practices relevant to climate change, provided our fundamental rights as intergenerational guardians of this knowledge are fully recognized and respected. We (indigenous peoples) reiterate the urgent need for collective action".

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and esteem.



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