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Excellency,

In accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/71/178 of 19 December 2016 <sup>1</sup>, I have the honour to inform you that I will convene a High-Level Event to mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The event will be held on Tuesday 25 April, 2017 at 10:00 am, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The programme, concept note and further information for the meeting will be communicated in due course.

The event will provide an opportunity to Member Stares, Indigenous Peoples and relevant Stakeholders to take stock of the achievements of the 10 years of implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples and assess the remaining challenges for the rights of indigenous peoples, as well as to consider the further follow-up to the Declaration, including the consideration of a third International Decade.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please also refer to the resolutions A/RES/69/159 of 18 December 2014 and A/RES/70/232 of 23 December 2015