

New York 2 December 2016

Excellency,

With the reference to your letters dated 28 September and 18 October with respect to the consultation process associated with Indigenous peoples' participation in the United Nations, we are pleased to confirm the program of the consultative meetings that will take place at United Nations headquarters on 14 and 15 December.

The format of the consultations is to discuss in detail each of the substantive segments of the elements paper. There will be a dedicated consultative session for each segment, as detailed below.

Wednesday 14 December

10 am – 1 pm: Venues of participation

3 pm – 6 pm: Participation modalities

Thursday 15 December

10 am – 1 pm: Recognition / selection mechanism

3 pm – 6 pm: Selection criteria

All the consultative meetings will take place in the Trusteeship Council chamber. The participants to the meetings are requested to address the issue at hand in each session, basing their comments on the elements paper that was circulated as the addendum of the compilation.

The final compilation and addendum (A/70/990) is available in all official UN languages at: [www.undocs.org/a/70/990](http://www.undocs.org/a/70/990). The Addendum of the compilation that includes elements for future discussion provides us a basis for the meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December and is also separately attached to the letter.

The addendum of the compilation and updated information on the consultation process is also available at the consultation process website:

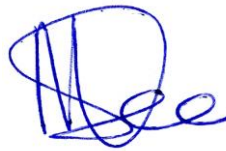
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/participation-of-indigenous-peoples-at-the-united-nations.html>

We are looking forward to continuing to engage on this important subject with all stakeholders and to your continued support.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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