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On 17 September 2012, the General Assembly adopted resolution 66/296 entitled "Organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples".

Operative paragraphs 7 to 12 of the above-mentioned resolution give a number of specific mandates to the President of the General Assembly with regard to preparing for the World Conference. The discharge of these mandates will require consultations with representatives of both Member States and of Indigenous Groups.

I have the honour to inform you that I have invited H.E. Mr. Eduardo Ulibarri, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica and H.E. Mr. Andrej Logar, Permanent Representative of Slovenia to assist me with the required consultations with Member States. I am grateful to their Excellencies for accepting my invitation.

I trust that you will extend to them your full cooperation and support.

I also have the honour to inform you that I have requested the assistance of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, in consultation with the Indigenous Peoples groups, to provide me, as soon as possible, the name(s) of an indigenous representative(s) it wishes to recommend to assist me with the process of consultations as requested by resolution 66/296.

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

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To all Permanent Representatives And Permanent Observers to the United Nations