

17 September, 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the draft text of the concise outcome document to be adopted at the "High-Level Plenary meeting of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples", consistent with resolution 66/296 of 17 December 2012.

I would like to advise that following the breaking of the silence procedure on a single operative paragraph of the text (OP13) by some Member States, discussions led by my Co-Advisers H.E. Mr. Andrej Logar, Permanent Representative of Slovenia and H.E. Madam Marjon V. Kamara, Permanent Representative of Liberia are continuing with the aim of reaching final consensus by the close of business on Thursday 18 September 2014. This will ensure sufficient time to allow for adoption of the outcome document at the Opening Plenary Meeting of the Conference on Monday 22 September 2014.

The success of the Conference depends upon reaching consensus and I urge Member States to attach a high priority to achieving this outcome.

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

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To All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York