



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 January 2017

Dear Representative of Indigenous Peoples,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter, dated 19 January, 2017 from the Advisers of the consultation process concerning the ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, transmitting the schedule for the consultation taking place from 30 January to 1 February 2017.

Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions wishing to participate at the consultation are kindly requested to register by sending an email to indigenous_un@un.org with following information:

- Name of the participant
- Name of the organization and country
- Email address

The participant will receive further instruction by email on how to access the United Nations for the meeting on 30 and 31 of January and 1 February 2017.

Please note that the deadline to register is **Wednesday 25 January 2017**.

I encourage your active participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

All Representatives of Indigenous Peoples

New York 19 January 2017

Excellency,

With the reference to your letters dated 28 September, 18 October and 2 and 23 December with respect to the consultation process associated with Indigenous peoples' participation in the United Nations, we are pleased to send you the schedule of the forthcoming consultations on 30 - 31 January and 1 February 2017 as detailed below:

Monday 30 January

10 AM - 1 PM Bilaterals with Member States and Indigenous peoples
3 PM - 6 PM Bilaterals with Member States and Indigenous peoples

Tuesday 31 January

10 AM - 11:30 AM Consultations: segment 1: Venues of participation
11:30 AM - 1 PM Consultations: segment 2: Participation modalities
3 PM - 4:30 PM Consultations: segment 3: Selection mechanism
4:30 PM - 6 PM Consultations: segment 4: Selection criteria

Wednesday 1 February

9 AM - 1 PM Bilaterals with Member States and Indigenous peoples
3 PM - 6 PM Bilaterals with Member States and Indigenous peoples

The actual consultations will take place in Conference Room 2 at United Nations headquarters. Indigenous peoples and Member States wishing to schedule a bilateral meeting with the advisors are requested to contact Helena.vuokko@formin.fi to schedule a time and place for a meeting.

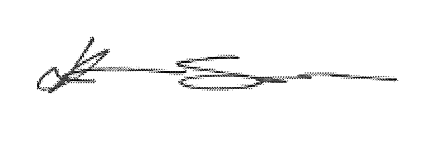
The final compilation and addendum (A/70/990) is available in all official UN languages at: www.undocs.org/a/70/990. The elements paper for discussion during the consultations is attached to this letter. Updated information on the consultation process, including the elements paper, is also available at the consultation process website:

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

We wish to again note that we have attempted to include a variety of proposals received during this consultation process in the elements paper, while also narrowing down possible options within the mandate of the General Assembly. We have taken into account that there is considerable support for the proposals presented in the elements paper, yet have recognized that the support is not uniform.

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

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



Ambassador Kai Sauer
Permanent Representative of Finland
to the United Nations



Ambassador Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee
Permanent Representative of Ghana
to the United Nations



Dr. Claire Charters



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