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Dear Friend,

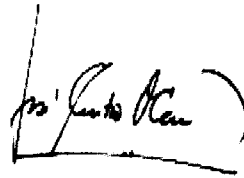
As Coordinator of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, I am writing to draw your attention to General Assembly resolution 60/142, adopted in December 2005, by which the Assembly adopted the Programme of Action of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People as a guideline for action during the Decade. The resolution and Programme of Action are attached.

In that resolution, the General Assembly, *inter alia*, urged all actors involved in the process to cooperate in a constructive and decisive manner in order to achieve rapid progress and concrete results in realizing the goals of the Second Decade; appealed to the international community to provide financial support to the Programme of Action, *inter alia*, through contributions to the Fund for the Second Decade; requested the Coordinator of the Second Decade to consult with Member States, agencies, organizations and other relevant bodies and mechanisms of the United Nations system, indigenous organizations and other non-governmental organizations about the possibility of undertaking midterm and end-of-term reviews of the Second Decade; and invited Governments, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations, indigenous and other non-governmental organizations and civil society actors to draw up their own plans for the Second Decade, using as a guideline for action the goal, objectives and Programme of Action of the Decade, including integrating a gender perspective.

I would therefore be grateful to receive information regarding your organization's plans for the Second Decade as well as your views as to a midterm and an end-of-term review of the Second Decade.

Your response would be appreciated by 14 July 2006 so that the Coordinator for the Second Decade may inform the sixty-first session of the General Assembly. Correspondence should be sent c/o the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues/DSPD/DESA, Two United Nations Plaza, Room DC2-1772; tel.: (917) 367-5100, fax: (917) 367-5102; email: IndigenousPermanentForum@un.org .

Yours sincerely,



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