Hollywood actress, activists and artists to celebrate International Day of the World’s Indigenous People on 9 August at the United Nations

WHAT: International Day of the World’s Indigenous People observance at the UN Headquarters.

HIGHLIGHT: A panel discussion “Indigenous Peoples: human rights, dignity and development with identity” will be held. Speakers include Q’orianka Kilcher, lead actress in the 2005 Hollywood film, The New World. The young actress is a descendant of the Huachipaeri and Quechua people of Peru and will speak about her recent trip to the country.

BACKGROUND:

• A significant achievement has been the recent adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples by the Human Rights Council in June. Indigenous peoples are looking forward to the final adoption of the Declaration by the General Assembly before the end of the year.

• The Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People runs from 2005 to 2015. The Day’s events will draw upon the Decade’s theme of “Partnership for Action and Dignity”.

WHEN: Wednesday, 9 August, 2:30pm

WHERE: Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, United Nations Headquarters, 1st Avenue & 46th Street

MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS: Journalists without UN accreditation who wish to attend the event should send a request on company letterhead signed by a supervisor to Mr. Gary Fowlie, Chief, UN Media Accreditation Unit, United Nations at fax (212) 963-4642. Media accreditation forms and general information for the media can be found at www.un.org/media/accreditation

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PROGRAMME:
(2:30pm, Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, United Nations Headquarters)

2:30 p.m. Film Screening: Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations

3:05 p.m. Messages for the International Day of the World’s Indigenous People

Welcome and Spiritual Ceremony
Secretary-General, Kofi Annan;
Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Coordinator of the Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People, José Antonio Ocampo;
Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Chairperson of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: “Indigenous Peoples: human rights, dignity and development with identity”
Speakers include Phrang Roy, Assistant President, International Fund for Agricultural Development; Wilton Littlechild (Cree Nation-Canada), Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Romy Tincopa, Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Peru to the UN; and Q’oríanka Kilcher, lead actress in the 2005 Hollywood film, The New World.

4:30 p.m. Indigenous Cultural Performances

Art Exhibition by indigenous artist Inty Muenala (Kichwa)

The event is organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues DSPD/DESA and the NGO Committee on the International Decade of the World’s Indigenous Peoples.
For more information of the Day’s events, please visit: