

22 March 2024

Dear Representatives of Indigenous Peoples,

I am pleased to inform you that, in line with General Assembly resolution 78/189 of 19 December 2023, I will convene a high-level event to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

The high-level event will be held on Wednesday, 17 April 2024 at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, at the United Nations Headquarters, in New York. The high-level event will be open to representatives of Indigenous Peoples accredited to the twenty-third session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

In line with past practice, the high-level event will include statements by Member States and representatives of the seven socio-cultural regions of Indigenous Peoples.

I therefore invite Indigenous Peoples to nominate <u>one speaker from each of the seven socio-cultural regions</u> to address the high-level event. Each region is requested to select its representative according to their own mechanism and send the name of the representative to Ms. Isabel Avomo Sima (<u>isabel.avomosima@un.org</u>), Senior Advisor of the Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Team in my Office by Wednesday, 10 April 2024. Representatives of the seven socio-cultural regions are encouraged to limit their remarks to 3 (three) minutes.

The preliminary programme of the high-level event will be shared in due course.

I look forward to welcoming you to the General Assembly on this momentous occasion.

Sincerely,

Dennis Francis