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NOTICE

The Secretariat of the Permanent Council presents its compliments to the permanent missions and, on behalf of the Chair of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, wishes to remind them that the deadline for submission of candidacies for indigenous representatives has been extended to Friday, October 29, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time).

For further information on the requirements for candidacies, kindly go to the link [http://www.oas.org/dil/esp/indigenas\\_la\\_negociacion\\_XIII\\_Reunion.htm](http://www.oas.org/dil/esp/indigenas_la_negociacion_XIII_Reunion.htm), and send all documents or questions related to them to the following e-mail address [valonso@oas.org](mailto:valonso@oas.org) or via e-mail to +1-202-458-3293.

For your information, the Chair hereby attaches the letter from the Department of International law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs.





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### **To the Permanent Missions to the OAS**

The Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States presents its compliments to the permanent missions to the OAS.

I would hereby like to inform you that the process for submitting candidacies for indigenous representatives to take part in the Thirteenth Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Thirteenth Meeting of Negotiations will take place from January 18 to 20, 2011, at OAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C., preceded by the meeting of the Indigenous People's Caucus from January 15 to 17, 2011.

The Department of International Law hereby informs you that the deadline for submission of candidacies for indigenous representatives, originally set for October 22, 2010 at 11:59 a.m., has been extended by one week until Friday, October 29, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time).

As is now well known, since its foundation, the Specific Fund of Voluntary Contributions to Support the Elaboration of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples has made it possible for representatives of the indigenous peoples of the member states to attend meetings of the Working Group held at OAS Headquarters.

In order to ensure that this tool serves the purpose for which it was created, namely to guarantee effective participation by national representatives of indigenous people, it is necessary to publicize its existence. To that end, we kindly request the Mission's help with disseminating this call for candidacies and facilitating contact with government institutions working in this field.

For further information on requirements for candidacies, please visit our website: [http://www.oas.org/dil/esp/indigenas\\_la\\_negociacion\\_XIII\\_Reunion.htm](http://www.oas.org/dil/esp/indigenas_la_negociacion_XIII_Reunion.htm). Kindly send all documents or queries regarding applications to the following e-mail address [valonso@oas.org](mailto:valonso@oas.org) or via fax to: +1-202-458-3293.

The Department of International Law avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the permanent missions to the OAS renewed assurances of its highest consideration.



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