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Working Group to Prepare the
Draft American Declaration on the Rights
of Indigenous Peoples

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE THE DRAFT AMERICAN
DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
Washington, D.C., United States, December 9 to 12, 2008

DRAFT SCHEDULE/AGENDA

Tuesday, December 9

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| 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Registration of participants |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | INAUGURAL SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meditation – Indigenous prayer• Remarks by the OAS Secretary General• Remarks by an indigenous peoples' representative• Remarks by the Chair of the Working Group,
Ambassador Jorge Reynaldo Cuadros |
| 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | FIRST WORKING SESSION – INFORMAL <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adoption of the agenda and schedule for the Special Meeting2. Incorporation and adoption of suggestions of the Caucus and member states on working procedures for the Special Meeting |
| 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | INFORMAL SESSION (<i>continuation</i>) |

Wednesday, December 10

SECOND WORKING SESSION

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Assessment: Dialogue on the current status of the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

- Analysis of the world context of the recognition of indigenous rights
- Characteristics of the approved articles of the OAS Declaration
- Characteristics of the pending articles of the OAS Declaration

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SECOND WORKING SESSION (*continuation*)

Thursday, December 11

THIRD WORKING SESSION

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Dialogue on expectations and aspects that might further the process of negotiation of the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

- Distinctive areas of the OAS Declaration
- Possible reference to the United Nations Declaration in some areas
- Simplification of language
- Time needed to complete the process

2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

THIRD WORKING SESSION (*continuation*)

Friday, December 12

FOURTH WORKING SESSION

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Actions necessary to strengthen the process of negotiation of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WORKING SESSION

- Conclusions and planning of the next meetings of negotiation