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MEETING OF THE SELECTION BOARD OF THE SPECIAL FUND TO SUPPORT THE
ELABORATION OF THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE

The Selection Board of the Specific Fund to Support the Elaboration of the American Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People met on November 6th, 2008, to review and approve the list of Indigenous Representatives and leaders who are beneficiaries of the Special Fund to take part at the Special Session of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which will be held from December 9th to 12th, 2008, at the OAS headquarters in Washington, DC, and will be preceded by the Caucus Meeting of Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, to be held from December 6th to 8th, 2008, at the same place. The Caucus Meeting also requires the participation of the indigenous representatives.

The Selection Board of the Specific Fund was composed of Ambassador Reynaldo Cuadros Anaya, Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the OAS and Chair of the Working Group; the two Vice-chair of the Working Group, Danilo Gonzalez, Alternate Representative of Costa Rica to the OAS and Maria Eugenia de los Rios, Alternate Representative of Venezuela to the OAS; Azelene Inacio, Representative of the Caucus for South America; Jose Carlos Morales, Representative of the Caucus for Central America and the Caribbean; and Beverley Jacobs, representative of the Caucus for North America. It is important to underline that the Vice chairs only have the right to one vote in accordance with the rules of proceedings. Moreover, Ms. Beverley Jacobs was reached before holding the teleconference with the rest of the members of the board, considering that the meeting was conducted in Spanish.

The Selection Board adopted its decisions in accordance with the OAS Permanent Council resolution CP/RES. 873 (1459-04), which regulates the Specific Fund to Support the Elaboration of the American Declaration of Rights for Indigenous People. After considering all the nominations submitted by the indigenous organizations of the OAS member states, the Board selected the following representatives:

Argentina: Sandra Paineofilu

Barbados: Damon Gerard Corrie
Bolivia: Ramiro Galindo Chávez.
Bolivia: Alejandro Chipana Yahuita.
Brazil: Ubiratán de Souza Maia.
Canadá: Annick Dauphinais.
Chile: María Teresa Huentequero.
Colombia: Jaime Enrique Arias.
Costa Rica: Alancay Morales Garro
Dominica: Charles Williams
Ecuador: Raúl Ilaquiche Licta.
Ecuador: Teresa Jimbicti Pandama
El Salvador: Félix Ramos Guzmán.
United States: Liselote Naniki Reyes Ocasio.
Guatemala: Carlos Chex
Guatemala: Manuela Ixtos Cotiy
Honduras: Edgardo Benitez Maclin
México: Adelfo Regino Montes
Nicaragua: Roy Wislat Saires.
Panamá: Héctor Huertas Gonzáles.
Paraguay: Alberto Vásquez Ayala.
Perú: Heraclio Hugo Tacuri Huamani.
Perú: Irinea Bardales Díaz.
Suriname: Aloema Tokoe Josien.

At the event, it was also decided that the Specific Fund will cover the participation costs of the Indigenous members of the Selection Board: Jose Carlos Morales, representative of the Caribbean and Central America; Beverley Jacobs, representative of North America; and Azelene Inacio, representative of South America. The Specific Fund will also cover the participation of James Anaya, Special *Rapporteur* on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, should he be able to take part at the event.

Finally, the Selection Board agreed that the selected representatives will be required to confirm their participation in advance and in writing to the Special Session. Failure to adhere to this commitment, or absence at the event without justified reason, will obligate participants to make up for the costs incurred in the purchase of their airline tickets. All of the selected representatives will be contacted directly by the Department of International Law of the OAS to facilitate their travel arrangements.

Sincerely,

Department of International Law
Secretariat for Legal Affairs