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

FIFTH NEGOTIATION MEETING IN PURSUIT OF POINTS OF CONSENSUS

(Hall of the Americas – February 7 to 9, 2005)

SPECIAL MEETING

(Hall of the Americas – February 10 and 11, 2005)

NOTICE

The Chair of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is pleased to invite the representatives of the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the representatives of the indigenous peoples and organizations of the Americas to:

- The Working Group's fifth negotiation meeting in pursuit of points of consensus, to be held from February 7 to 9, 2005; and
- The special meeting of the Working Group, to be held on February 10 and 11, 2005.

These meetings are convened in fulfillment of the mandate in resolution AG/RES. 2029 (XXXIV-O/04), adopted by the OAS General Assembly in Quito, Ecuador, in June 2004, and on the basis of the decision taken by the Working Group at its meeting of September 9, 2004.

The fifth negotiation meeting will be conducted according to the same procedure followed at the prior negotiation meetings. The draft agenda for the meeting will include articles from the Fifth Section (Social, Economic, and Property Rights) and the Sixth Section (General Provisions) of the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It will be distributed in the near future.

The mechanism for participation by representatives of indigenous peoples in this fifth meeting will be similar to that established for the four prior negotiation meetings. This mechanism, already agreed upon by the Working Group, is described in document GT/DADIN/doc.140 rev. 1.

As for the special meeting, its purposes will include reviewing progress, assessing the level of consensus “on the Draft Declaration, and recommending a date for conclusion of the final phase of negotiations for the adoption of the Draft American Declaration, in accordance with the mandate issued in operative paragraphs 4.a and 4.d of resolution AG/RES. 2029 (XXXIV-O/04)”. For preparation of the draft agenda for the special meeting, the Chair requests representatives of member states and of indigenous peoples and organizations to send him their suggestions before Wednesday, January 12, 2005.

For the purposes of this convocation, the indigenous peoples are requested to reconfirm those who represented them at the fourth meeting, or, failing that, to designate a new indigenous expert or leader, no later than Thursday, January 6, 2005. Kindly confirm your decision to Mr. Jorge Sanín of the OAS Office for the Summits Process (jsanin@oas.org and summitcso@oas.org) (fax: 202-458-6365).