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of Indigenous Peoples

**SPECIAL MEETING OF REFLECTION**

Washington, D.C., November 26 to 28, 2007

**OPEN INVITATION**

The Chair of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, after consulting with 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, has the pleasure of confirming that the special meeting of reflection will be held at the headquarters of the OAS General Secretariat, in Washington, D.C., on November 26 and 28, 2007. The outcome of the meeting will be presented, pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 2294 (XXXVII-O/07), on November 28, 2007, at “a special meeting of the Permanent Council by the Chair of the Working Group and the leaders of the Indigenous Peoples’ Caucus. The Permanent Council will consider those recommendations on how to strengthen the negotiation process in the presence of representatives of the indigenous peoples.”

The meeting will consist of work sessions in which representatives of member states and indigenous peoples are expected to participate actively in addressing the topics on the agenda. The provisional versions of the agenda (GT/DADIN/doc.313/07 rev. 1) and schedule (GT/DADIN/doc.314/07 rev. 1) of the meeting are attached hereto.

The background documents for the meeting of reflection will be:

- “Record of the Current Status of the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” document GT/DADIN/doc.301/07
- United Nations Declaration
- Parallel texts, prepared by the legal staff (in progress)
- “Procedure for Promptly Concluding the Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the

Rights of Indigenous Peoples,” document GT/DADIN/doc.246/06 rev. 6, adopted by the Working Group on November 9, 2006

- “Identification of Sensitive Issues”–member states (informal consultative document GT/DADIN/doc.294/07)
- “Identification of Sensitive Issues”–Indigenous Peoples’ Caucus (pending presentation)

The mechanism for participation by representatives of the indigenous peoples in the meeting of reflection will be as established for the meetings of negotiation. This mechanism, already agreed upon by the Working Group, may be found in document GT/DADIN/doc.140 rev. 1. As before, the Selection Board of the Specific Fund will select the indigenous representatives; those selected will be informed of the details of their participation through the OAS Summits Secretariat.

Ambassador Jorge Reynaldo Cuadros  
Chair, Working Group to Prepare the Draft American  
Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples