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XIV 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

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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 March 14 and 15, to review and approve the Indigenous Representatives who are beneficiaries of the Specific Fund to take part at the XIV Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus.

The Meeting of Negotiations will be held at OAS Headquarters (17th and Constitution Ave, Washington, D.C.) from April 18 to 20, 2012. It will be preceded by the meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus, to be held on April 16 to 17, 2012.

The Board is composed by the following members:

- Diego Pary, Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the OAS and Chair of the Working Group
- Rex Lee Jim, regional representative for North America
- Anita Tzec, Central America representative
- Eveline Monsanto, Caribbean representative
- Raul Ilaquiche Licta, South America representative

At the meeting, the Department of International Law acted as technical secretariat of the Selection Board, and three staff were present: Luis Toro Utillano, Veronica Alonso and Pamela Alvarez.

The Department of International Law reminded the Selection Board about the current financial restrictions of the Specific Fund allowing to cover the participation costs of a maximum of 20 representatives, including the members of the Selection Board. In this context, the General Secretary recommended the Board to select 20 candidates of different nationalities, guaranteeing an equal geographic representation. It was recommended to take into consideration the respect of the principle relating to gender equity.

The Board decided the candidacies that would be eliminated and also if the ones selected would be a member of the Fund or if they would allow the participation of a national fellow. In this regard, Mr. Rex Lee Jim decided he would participate with his own funds allowing another candidate from the United States to be financed by the Specific Fund.

After considering all the nominations submitted by the indigenous organizations the Board selected the following 20 candidates (from a total of 61 applications who sent their documents complete and within the deadline):

Argentina: Natalia Silvina Sarapura
Barbados: Damon Gerard Corrie
Belize: Anita Felicia Tzec
Bolivia: Julia Damiana Ramos Sanchez
Brazil: Domilto Inaruri Karajá
Canada: Ronald Joseph Lameman
Chile: Ana Maria Llao Llao
Colombia: Jaime Enrique Arias Arias
Costa Rica: Alanca Morales Garro
Ecuador: Raúl Clemente Ilaquiche Licta
United States: June Lorenzo
Guatemala: Carlos Bernabé Chez Mux
Guyana: Tony James
Mexico: Felipe Celerino Cruz
Nicaragua: Maria Hazel Law Blanco
Panama: Héctor Huertas González
Paraguay: Vidal Servin García
Peru: Heraclio Hugo Tacuri Huamani
Suriname: Eveline Moesijem Monsanto
Venezuela: Nelson Ismael Pérez Rendón

The selected representatives will be required to confirm their participation to the XIV Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus in writing, by Tuesday, March 20th, 2012. Additionally, they must send to the General Secretariat of the OAS their confirmation letter by e-mail to palvarez@oas.org . In case the OAS has not received a written confirmation the application will be rejected.

Finally, the Department of International Law reminds you that the sessions are open to the general public.. Thus, we respectfully request to the representatives financing their own participation to be registered at the following link <https://www.oas.org/surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=96K3773> in order to be able to gain access to the meeting rooms.

Sincerely,

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