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XII 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

Washington D.C.
November 30 to December 2, 2009

1. Venue

The XII Meeting of Negotiations will take place at *The Organization of American States* Headquarters, in the Simón Bolívar Room, on November 30th – December 2nd, 2009. It will be preceded by the meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus, to be held from November 27th to 29th, 2009, in the same Room; which is located in the Main Building of the OAS (17th Street and Constitution Ave N.W., Washington, D.C.).

2. Coordination

The Chair of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Ambassador José E. Pinelo, of the Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the OAS, will be coordinating the event. Additional support will also be provided by the Department of International Law, as well as the Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). For more information please contact:

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3. Entry and Departure Requirements

Participants are responsible for obtaining the necessary entry requirements established by the government of the United States. Participants carrying official passports from Central America, South America and the Caribbean countries require a visa to enter the United States. These participants must contact the U.S. Consulate in their respective countries or the nearest consular office. General visa information is accessible by telephone at 202-663-1225 or online at www.travel.state.gov.

4. Accommodations

The indigenous peoples' representatives selected to receive funding by the Selection Board of the Specific Fund to Support the Elaboration of the American Declaration on the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples will stay at:

State Plaza Hotel

2117 E. Street N.W. Washington, DC 20037

Tel: (202) 833-6966
(800) 424-2859

Fax: (202) 587-1354

e-mail: skapadia@rbpropertiesinc.com

Web site: <http://www.stateplaza.com>

Contact: Shano B. Kapadia.

The OAS will cover hotel accommodation costs for the participants selected by the Specific Fund. However, the OAS will not cover the costs of participants who wish to stay for additional days. Due to fund restrictions, participants will share a double room. All participants must register at reception upon their arrival at the State Plaza Hotel.

The OAS will only pay for the hotel accommodation costs, and will not be responsible for local, national, or international phone calls; all additional costs are the participants' responsibility, as well as incidental costs such as food or possible room damages.



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The participants attending this meeting, who are not supported by the Specific Fund and wish to stay at the *State Plaza Hotel*, may do so at their own expense. The cost for double-bed room totals the amount of US\$.145.00, including daily breakfast for two. All participants should make their own reservations by contacting the hotel directly.

The OAS has established an agreement with the *State Plaza Hotel* to reserve additional rooms for individuals making their own reservations to obtain the same price as those supported by the Regular Fund. To obtain the group rate, it is important to inform the hotel that you are with “**Organization of American States – Code 10212/OAS**” The *State Plaza Hotel* may be reached at (202) 861-8200, and toll-free at (800) 424-2859 or by e-mail at skapadia@rbpropertiesinc.com. This rate will be held upon availability of rooms, thus we strongly encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible.

5. Costs of Stay

The OAS will provide the participants supported by the Specific Fund with a per diem of US\$.70 corresponding to the costs of stay, which is intended to cover the costs of food and local transportation. These funds will be given to these representatives in Washington, D.C.

In addition, a light lunch will be provided during the 3 days of the meeting of the Indigenous Caucus for all participants.

The OAS will not be responsible for the costs of domestic transportation of the participants in their respective countries.

6. Air Transportation

The OAS will coordinate and purchase air transportation for those participants chosen by the Selection Board of the Specific Fund. Flight information will be provided to all these participants. The OAS will not cover any penalties or charges resulting from any changes in flight schedules; participants will be responsible for these costs.

7. Ground Transportation

Transportation to and from airports in the Washington, D.C. area to the State Plaza Hotel is the responsibility of the participants.



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For detailed ground transportation options from Dulles International Airport (IAD), please visit the following website: <http://www.metwashairports.com/Dulles>. A one-way fare by taxi to Washington, D.C. costs approximately US\$51.00 to US\$54.00. It is also possible to take a Super Shuttle with reservations made online at: www.supershuttle.com; this shuttle service provides door-to-door transportation for US\$25.00.

For detailed ground transportation options from Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA), please visit the following website: <http://www.metwashairports.com/national>. A one-way fare by taxi to Washington, D.C. costs approximately US\$15.00 to US\$20.00. It is also possible to take a Super Shuttle with reservations made online at: www.supershuttle.com; this shuttle service provides door-to-door transportation for US\$12.00.

8. Weather Conditions

The weather forecast for Washington D.C. during the meeting predicts that the temperature will range from a low of 2°C to a high of 14°C (36.3°F to 57°F). It is advisable for participants to bring clothing suitable for cold temperatures.

9. Registration of Participants

Registration for the XII Meeting of Negotiations will take place on **Friday, November 27th, 2009 and Monday, November 30th, 2009 from 8:30 – 12:30 a.m.** in the Main Building of the Organization of American States. Participants will be issued identification cards, which, for security and logistical reasons, must be displayed during all activities.

All persons intending to attend the XII Meeting of Negotiations must fill up the annexed form and send it via fax (202.458.3293) or email (mveliz@oas.org).

10. Working Languages and Documents

The proceedings of the XII Meeting of Negotiations and the meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus will be conducted in two of the official languages of the OAS (Spanish and English). Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish in both cases.



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11. Power

The electrical setting used in Washington D.C is 110 volts. If participants would like to use electrical devices of 220 volts, they must use corresponding adaptors.

Sincerely,

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