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Washington D. C., September 24, 2009

Dear representatives of the indigenous peoples of the Americas,

The Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States presents its compliments on behalf of the Presidency of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and takes this opportunity to invite you to participate in the Twelveth Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution AG/RES. 2498 (XXXIX-O/09).)

The Meeting of Negotiations will take place at OAS Headquarters (Simón Bolívar Room, 17th and Constitution Ave, Washington, DC) on Monday, November 30 to Wednesday, December 2, 2009. It will be preceded by the meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus, to be held on November 27 to 29, 2009.

In order to ensure the effective participation of the representatives of the indigenous peoples, the Department of International Law is informing you that the deadline to present candidacies for participation in the Meeting of Negotiations is **Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** (Washington, D.C. time).

In accordance with CP/RES. 951 (1691/09), which regulates "the Specific Fund to Support the Elaboration of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," your community or organization should submit a **letter addressed to the Department of International Law** along **with the Application Form** included in this Convocation.

Both documents must be sent via fax (202.458.3293) or via email attachment ([DIL@oas.org](mailto:DIL@oas.org)). Please note that letters of application received after **Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** (Washington, D.C. time), will not be considered by the Selection Board of the Specific Fund. It is imperative to respect the established due dates to allow for adequate visa processing, purchase of tickets and hotel reservations.

To aid your participation we are sending the documents related to the negotiation process on the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Moreover, we invite you to visit the Department of International Law website: [http://www.oas.org/dil/indigenous\\_peoples.htm](http://www.oas.org/dil/indigenous_peoples.htm) . Hereby we include the following links of special interest:



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- [http://www.oas.org/dil/GT-DADIN\\_doc\\_334-08\\_rev3\\_eng.pdf](http://www.oas.org/dil/GT-DADIN_doc_334-08_rev3_eng.pdf)  
“Record of the Current Status of the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples” (Document [GT/DADIN/doc.334/08 rev. 3] of December 30, 2008).
- [http://www.oas.org/dil/GT-DADIN\\_doc\\_246-06\\_rev8\\_eng.pdf](http://www.oas.org/dil/GT-DADIN_doc_246-06_rev8_eng.pdf)  
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
- [http://www.oas.org/dil/AG-RES\\_2498-09\\_en.pdf](http://www.oas.org/dil/AG-RES_2498-09_en.pdf) Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Please accept the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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### REGISTRATION FORM TO THE SPECIFIC FUND

#### XII MEETING OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THE QUEST FOR POINTS OF CONSENSUS GT/DADIN Washington, D.C., 2009

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DO YOU HAVE A VALID VISA TO ENTER INTO THE UNITED STATES?  
YES (...) NO (....)

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: Area code \_\_\_\_\_

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ORGANIZATION'S E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT'S E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form once it is filled out with the letter of application to the Department of International Law: [DIL@oas.org](mailto:DIL@oas.org) or via fax: (202) 458-3293 before **Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.** (Washington, D.C. time).

NAME & LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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