Washington, D.C. February 24, 2012

Dear representatives of the indigenous peoples of the Americas,

**URGENT CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE**

Due to circumstances of force majeure, the date and place of the XIV Meeting of Negotiation on the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples have been modified. The meeting will be held in Washington D.C., United States, between April 18-20, 2012.

All applications received will be respected. Please take into account these changes and submit your respective application within the established deadline March 11, 2012.

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The Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States presents its compliments and takes this opportunity to invite you to participate at the Fourteenth Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus, pursuant to operative paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2574 (XLI-O/11).

The Meeting of Negotiations will take place in Washington D.C. between April 18-20, 2012. It will be preceded by a meeting of the Indigenous Peoples’ Caucus, to be held on April 17, 2012. Also, on April 18 we will hold a seminar organized by the Department of International Law. Individuals selected are required to be in Washington D.C. between April 16-20, 2012.

Due to time constrains and in order to ensure the effective participation of the representatives of the indigenous peoples, the Department of International Law has established as the deadline for application to participate in the Meeting of Negotiations, **Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 11:59 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," indigenous communities or organizations should submit all the documents requested.

The application should be prepared by both parties, the organization and the candidate as there are requirements for both of them. Kindly note that it is the organization’s responsibility to comply with the requirements, which are filling the electronic application and submitting two documents within the deadlines established by the OAS.

The OAS will not be responsible for applications that are either incomplete or extemporaneous (such applications will be rejected).

The required documents should be sent to the Department of International Law by e-mail: dil@oas.org by Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. (Washington, D.C. time).

There are two mandatory documents:

- Candidate’s Curriculum Vitae
- I.D., D.N.I. and/or passport (PHOTOCOPY)

The electronic application appears in the following link:

Sincerely,

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