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President of the General Assembly
United Nations Headquarters
New York

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Appointment of co-facilitators for the high level plenary session of the General Assembly to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

Your Excellency,

We, the undersigned Indigenous Peoples request the appointment of an indigenous co-facilitator for the remaining phase of the process towards the high level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, to be held in September 2014. Given this high level plenary meeting focuses specifically on the realization of the rights of Indigenous Peoples, our desire as Indigenous Peoples is to fully and effectively participate in this process, as well as see the UN implementing the right of Indigenous Peoples to participate in decision making that affects us, as set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We therefore have a clear and reasonable expectation that an indigenous co-facilitator be appointed alongside a State nominated co-facilitator.

Since the beginning of this process, Indigenous Peoples have sought to proactively and positively participate, in good faith, in the preparatory processes of this upcoming high level plenary meeting. We see the appointment of an indigenous co-facilitator as a crucially important component that would further strengthen the cooperation of Indigenous Peoples in this process as well as provide an example of good faith on the part of the UN to engage on an equal basis with Indigenous Peoples.

Throughout our respective, regional, caucus and global preparations we have discussed and endorsed our support for Mr John Henriksen to fill this role. Mr John Henriksen is Sami and currently serves as the international representative of the Sami Parliament of Norway. He has significant experience at the international level as well as good working relationships with numerous Indigenous Peoples as well as State delegations. He successfully worked alongside Ambassador de Alba of Mexico, when they both served as co-facilitators in this process during the 66th session of the General Assembly. We unequivocally continue to support him to fill this role.



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We look forward to your favourable response.

Yours sincerely,

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3. Mr V Markov, International Consultative Committee of Finno-Ugric Peoples, Finland, Russia, Estonia and Hungary
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