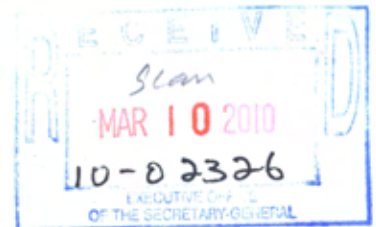


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Note to Chef de Cabinet

Secretary-General's address to the Ninth Session of
the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Ninth Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) will take place at UN Headquarters from 19 to 30 April 2010. The special theme of the session is "Indigenous Peoples: Development with Culture and Identity; Articles 3 and 32 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples". The special half-day regional focus of the Forum this year is on North America.

The UNPFII is the highest level body in this field and its annual session is one of the largest events at UN Headquarters in terms of the number of participants, especially from indigenous organizations around the world. The Secretary-General's participation is particularly important, after the adoption by the General Assembly, in September 2007, of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It will send a strong message about UN's commitment to the implementation of the Declaration and to the inclusiveness of the UN development agenda.

We propose that the Secretary-General deliver the opening address on 19 April. If the Secretary-General is not available on that day, we will make adjustments to accommodate the Secretary-General's schedule. The Secretary-General may choose to address the Forum at any other point during the two-week session, at his convenience.

DESA is ready to prepare a detailed scenario and a draft of the Secretary-General's statement upon confirmation from your office.

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Sha Zukang
5 March 2009/10

cc: Deputy Secretary-General
Deputy Chef de Cabinet
Mr. Robert Orr
Mr. Yeocheol Yoon

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SOSG COMMENT

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For SG's information ☐
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