



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 April 2017

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter, dated 10 April 2017, from the Advisers of the consultation process concerning the ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them, concerning the next steps of the process.

I encourage the active participation of your delegation in this process and I trust that you will continue to extend to the Advisers your full cooperation and support.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

New York 10th April 2017

Excellency,

With the reference to your letters dated 28 September, 18 October and 2 and 23 December 2016 and 23 January and 16 February 2017 with respect to the consultation process associated with Indigenous peoples' participation in the United Nations, we are pleased to confirm the next meetings taking place in this process.

The intention of the advisors is to circulate the draft text before the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and to present it to Indigenous Peoples and Member States on 26th April (3 PM) and 3rd May (10 AM) and to hear first comments on the text during these sessions. Both of these meetings will take place in conference room 4 at United Nations headquarters.

The intergovernmental negotiations on the draft text will start on 5th May (10 AM – 1 PM) with the first reading and continue on 8th May at 10 AM with a full day session. Following dates will be 25th to 26th May, full day sessions.

Updated information on the consultation process is also available at the consultation process website: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/participation-of-indigenous-peoples-at-the-united-nations.html>

We are looking forward to continual engagement on this important subject with all stakeholders and to your continued support.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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