

Friends,

Late yesterday, the President of the General Assembly (PGA) released the zero-draft outcome document for the United Nations World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. It is [attached](#) along with a [one page introductory letter](#) from the PGA. This is only the first draft, but it does include at least the idea of some of the decisions we have been recommending to states.

For your information and comparison, we also are attaching the [recommendations](#) now supported by 130 indigenous nations and 22 organizations.

The PGA is planning to hold two consultations to discuss the contents of the outcome document – one on July 16 and one on August 18. The Center is planning on attending, and it is important that we and indigenous leaders from all over the Americas continue to advocate for stronger measures to be included in the final outcome document. Though there are some good things in the draft outcome document, its provisions, including significantly, those related to an implementing body and a status for indigenous governments to participate in the UN, can be greatly improved and strengthened. Measures to achieve an end to violence against indigenous women and children and protection of indigenous peoples' sacred sites can also be strengthened.

If you wish to attend the July 16 consultation, you should send an email to the office of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at [indigenous\\_un@un.org](mailto:indigenous_un@un.org). It is not yet clear what the process may be for registering for the consultation.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be helpful.

Best regards,

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