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Mr. Facilitator:

We greatly appreciate the willingness of this Working Group to include in the Human Rights Council Advisory Board of Experts: 2 to 3 experts who bring the knowledge and humble experience of the Indigenous Peoples into the United Nations human rights system.

The inclusiveness of the GA in taking the legal traditions of our civilizations and cultures into account, so as to enrich the effectiveness and productivity of the Advisory Board, adds an extremely valuable element to this new body.

Our proposal to include ad hoc experts from various Indigenous peoples is completely free from any nationalism. It is rather an issue of on the values that Indigenous peoples bring into the mix due to their spiritual connection with the land.

In order to nominate ad hoc candidates from among the Indigenous communities, perhaps it may also be beneficial to enable the Indigenous Caucus to propose candidates. The Indigenous Caucus is a de facto global assembly of Indigenous communities which has met for 24 years annually in Geneva, despite not having NGO or consultative status. However, its participation in the development of human rights standards has been noteworthy.

Thank you, Mr. Facilitator.

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