



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18 February 2016

Excellency,

Resolution 70/232, entitled “Rights of Indigenous Peoples” requests the President of the General Assembly, at its seventieth session, to conduct, within existing resources, timely, inclusive, representative and transparent consultations with Member States, indigenous peoples representatives and institutions from all regions of the world, and existing relevant mechanisms of the United Nations, on the possible measures necessary, including procedural and institutional steps and selection criteria, to enable the participation of indigenous peoples representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them. The Assembly, also requested the President to prepare a compilation of the views presented during the consultations, including good practices within the United Nations regarding indigenous peoples participation, which would form the basis for a draft text to be finalized and adopted by the Assembly during its seventy-first session.

In this regard, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed two Advisers from Member States – H.E. Mr. Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland and H.E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee, Permanent Representative of Ghana, as well as two Advisers from indigenous peoples – Dr. Claire Winfield Ngamihi Charters from the Pacific region and Dr. James Anaya from the North America region –who will assist me in conducting these consultations.

I wish to thank the Advisers for accepting my invitation to carry out this important responsibility, and I trust that you will extend to them your full cooperation and support.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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