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The Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples

Presidency

Thank you, Mr President

The European Union first and foremost would like to commend you for your efforts to raise awareness in the international community to the situation of indigenous peoples around the world. We greatly appreciate your work and the excellent report you have submitted to the Council.

The EU would like to pose the following questions:

1. The EU considers important that the Human Rights Council continue to be actively involved in improving the human rights situation of indigenous peoples around the world through your effort as special rapporteur and by including the issue in the annual work program of the Council. In this context the EU supports that the question of indigenous peoples access to the Human Rights Council be further explored.

**How do we ensure that indigenous peoples representatives are able to participate in the Council discussions on these topics?**

**What in your opinion would be the best way to ensure indigenous peoples participation in the work of the Council?**

2. Representatives of indigenous peoples are involved in defending the political and civil rights as well as the economic, social and cultural rights of their people and their communities. You have pointed <sup>to</sup> the lack of redress mechanisms available to these human rights defenders and their communities to ensure the effective protection of their human rights.

**In which way could the Council assist in this endeavour?**  
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We support the questions presented by Germany on behalf of the European Union and would like to pose the following additional question:

3. The goal of the Second Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples (2005-2014) is to further strengthen the international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous peoples in areas such as culture, education, health, human rights, the environment and economic and social development, by inter alia relevant standard-setting activities.

**What is your recommendation to the Council in order to focus on the implementation of the Programme of action of the Second Decade, based on the advancement of the rights and aspirations of indigenous peoples?**

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My delegate takes the floor to wish a  
few remarks concerning the report from Mr.  
Stavenhagen, the spec. rep. on ~~the~~ I.P.S.