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Dear Indigenous Peoples Representatives,

I am writing to cordially invite you to attend the high-level event to launch the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (IDIL), which will take place on 16 December 2022 from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the General Assembly Hall at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 75/168 of 16 December 2020, the high-level event will be convened as an informal meeting of the General Assembly. Speakers will include representatives of the UN Secretariat, UNESCO, and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

In addition, representatives of Member States and Indigenous Peoples will be invited to deliver statements through a list of speakers. In the case of representatives of Indigenous Peoples, the selected representative from each of the sociocultural regions of the UNESCO Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages will be invited to speak.

On this occasion, it is important that Member States and Indigenous Peoples come together to ensure a solution-oriented IDIL. I am therefore pleased to invite you to express your interest in attending in person by registering through the link that will be provided by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

The concept note and the detailed programme of the meeting will be shared in due course. I look forward to welcoming you to the General Assembly on this momentous occasion.

Csaba KÖRÖSI

Indigenous Peoples Representatives