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DPI/NGO Section and the NGO Committee on the United Nations International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples invite you to an

NGO Briefing

on

Changing Realities:
Indigenous Peoples in the next decade

on

13 April 2006

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

at the

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

Background Information:

The 5th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will take place from 15 to 26 May 2006 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The theme is The Millennium Development Goals and indigenous peoples: Re-defining the Millennium Development Goals.

The Permanent Forum is an advisory body to the Economic and Social Council with a mandate to discuss indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights. Its members serve in their personal capacity, while Member States, United Nations bodies and organs, intergovernmental organizations, indigenous people, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC may participate as observers.

The goal of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People is to strengthen international cooperation in addressing the various concerns of the indigenous people. The Decade (2005-2015) was proclaimed by the General Assembly resolution 59/174.

Speakers:

During the panel discussion from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., **H.E. Diego Cordovez**, Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations; **Marijke Velzeboer-Salcedo**, Chief, Latin America and Caribbean Section, United Nations Fund for Women; **Elsa Stamatopoulou**, Chief, Secretariat, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; Division for

Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; and **Kent Lebsock**, Executive Director, American Indian Law Alliance, will review the upcoming annual session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Representatives of NGOs will be able to ask questions during a Q and A session.

An ad hoc briefing on the Second Annual United Nations Documentary Film Festival "Stories from the Field" (22-23 April), documentaries reflecting one or more of the eight Millennium Development Goals will follow from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Speakers include: **Isabelle Broyer**, Chief, Guided Tours Unit, Public Relations Section, DPI; **Corinna Sager**, President, New York Chapter, Media Communications Association International; and **Linda Lopez**, President, Tellmedia Communications Inc.

At 10:00 a.m. a video, entitled Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations will be screened.

For more information on UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, please visit:
<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/>

A live webcast of the event may be available at www.un.org/dpi/ngosection and/or www.un.org/webcast

Preview of next week's briefing:

There will be no NGO Briefing next week. Instead, a full-day DPI/NGO

Communications Workshop will take place on Thursday, 20 April 2006. The topic will be Accessing Correct UN Information: Fact or Fiction.

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