There will be statements delivered on behalf of the Secretary-General, Under-Secretary-General/DESA, the Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and others.

A sacred pipe ceremony will take place at the United Nations Plaza from 11.00am

Those who wish to attend the spiritual ceremony should arrive earlier.

Those who wish to attend the panel discussion but do not hold UN grounds passes must confirm their participation by sending an email to:

tribal.link@lycos.com by noon on 6 August indicating your name, affiliation and contact information. After successfully registering, participants should pick up their passes at the UN Visitors' Lobby between 1:15pm and 2:30pm on 9 August.

This commemoration is a one day event and the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues does not issue any invitation letters for participation in this event.

Representatives of Member States, UN Agencies, indigenous peoples', other non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

The final programme of the International Day of Indigenous People will be available at

Best regards,

Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues/ DSPD/DESA

- 12.30pm. A panel discussion entitled: "Honoring Indigenous Youth, Languages and Sacred Sites", as well as a cultural performance will take place from 2:30pm to 6pm at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.