

The Honourable Mrs. Mary Robinson
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Re: Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, nomination of the Indigenous candidates

28 September 2001

Dear Madam High Commissioner,

With reference to your letter dated 26 February 2001 in which you invited Indigenous organizations to hold consultations in order to nominate Indigenous candidates for membership of the Permanent Forum for the consideration of the President of ECOSOC, and to send nominations to the High Commissioner for Human Rights by 1 October 2001, please be informed that the following Indigenous Nations and organizations from the North American region have endorsed **Mr. J. Wilton Littlechild, I.P.C.** (Treaty 6 Indian, Ermineskin Cree Nation) of the International Organization of Indigenous Resource Development as the North American Indigenous candidate:

- Assembly of First Nations
- Tetuwan Oyate Teton Sioux Nation Treaty Council**
- Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
- Four Directions Council*
- Indigenous World Association*
- American Indian Law Alliance*
- International Indian Treaty Council*
 - Oglala Lakota Nation, South Dakota, USA (William A. Means, representative)
 - Navajo Nation Prison Project and the National Native American Prisoners' Rights Coalition, Arizona, USA (Leonard Foster, representative and coordinator)
 - White Clay Society, Gros Ventre Nation, Montana, USA (representative, James Main, Sr.)
 - Arctic Village Traditional Council, Gwich'in in Athabaskan Nation, Alaska (Sarah James, representative)
 - Confederacy of Treaty 6 First Nations, Canada (Ron Lameman, representative)
 - Pitt River/Wintu Nation, California, USA (Mickey Gemmill, representative)
 - Oklahoma Region, Indigenous Environmental Network (Jackie Warledo, representative)
 - Wanblee Wakpeh Oyate, Oglala Lakota Nation, South Dakota, USA (Martina Movescamp, representative)
- Indigenous Women's Network
- Flying Eagle Woman Fund
- Yat Kitischee Native Ctr

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* Indigenous NGO with consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
** Indigenous organizations authorized to participate in the Working Group established in accordance with Commission on Human Rights res. 1995/32 of 3 March 1995.

Please find attached, for consideration by the President of the Council, biographical background information on Mr. Littlechild.

Please note that the Indigenous Caucus that met in Geneva on 26 November 2000, during the Sixth Session of the Working Group on the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, agreed to by consensus that the eight Indigenous representatives be selected from the following regions:

1. Arctic/Europe
2. Africa
3. Asia
4. North America
5. Central/South America and Caribbean
6. Pacific
7. Former USSR and Eastern Europe
8. Rotating between three regions Asia, Africa and Central/South America and Caribbean

The Indigenous Caucus also agreed that Central/South America and Caribbean would be the first region to hold the 8th seat. This model was endorsed at the Indigenous Peoples Millennium Conference in Panama City, Panama 7-11 May 2001, and brought to the attention of the Vice-President of ECOSOC, H.E. Ambassador Ivan Šimonovič on 18 May 2001 in New York City during a meeting with representatives of Indigenous Peoples, Nations and organizations to discuss the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tonya Gonnella Frichner, Kenneth Deer, or Andrea Carmen (contact information below).

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