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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to the President of the Human Rights Council, H.E. Ambassador Doru Costea and has the pleasure to transmit on behalf of the Consultative Group, the conclusions of the group in relation with the members of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to be appointed by the President at the 8th Session of the Human Rights Council.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of our sincere consideration.

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22 May 2008

**CONSULTATIVE GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT  
RELATING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE  
RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO BE APPOINTED AT THE 8<sup>th</sup>  
SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

Further to Human Rights Council resolution 6/36, paragraph 3, the expert mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples "shall consist of five independent experts, the selection of which shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure established in paragraphs 39 to 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007".

The Members of the consultative group established further to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 are H.E. Ambassador Blaise Godet, H.E. Ambassador Idriss Jazaïry, H.E. Ambassador Masood Khan, H.E. Ambassador Valery Loshchinin, and H.E. Ambassador Carlos Portales.

In determining the proposed list, the Members of the consultative group took into consideration the technical and objective requirements as stipulated in Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, decision 6/102 and resolution 6/36. During the formal meeting, the group reviewed 66 candidates included in the public list: 20 women and 46 men.

In this regard, the following list is proposed to the President of the Council:

**African Group**

Concerning the candidates from the African States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Catherine Odimba Kombe (Congo).

Some members supported Mr. Melakou Tegegn (Ethiopia).

**Asian Group**

Concerning the candidates from the Asian States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. Evelyn S. Dunuan (Philippines).

Some members supported Mr. José Mencio Molintas (Philippines).

It was also suggested that Ms. Jannie Lasimbang (Malaysia) be considered.

### **Group for Latin American and the Caribbean**

Concerning the candidates from the Latin American and the Caribbean States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Ms. María Carneiro Da Cunha (Brazil/Portugal).

Some members supported Mr. José Carlos Morales Morales (Costa Rica).

It was also suggested that Mr. Tomas Alarcón Eyzaguirre (Peru) be considered.

### **Western Europe and other States Group**

Concerning the candidates from the Western Europe and other States, the consultative group recommended to the President, Mr. John Henrikson (Norway).

Some members supported Ms. Erica Daes (Greece) and Mr. Jacob Wilton Littlechild (Canada).

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