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### OPEN CALL FOR NOMINATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES'S ORGANIZATIONS

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**Subject: Open Call for Nominations Addressed to the Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples' Organizations for the Establishment of the Global Task Force for Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages (IDIL 2022-2032)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that UNESCO, as a lead United Nations agency working in close cooperation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), is facilitating the organization of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2023 (IDIL 2022-2032). The International Decade was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly (ref.: A/74/396) on 18 December 2019.

A Global Task Force entitled "Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages" will be established as an international governance mechanism to organize the IDIL 2022-2032. It will be composed of the following four entities:

- A Steering Committee for the IDIL2022-2032 to provide guidance for the organization of the International Decade;
- An Advisory Group to the Steering Committee for the IDIL2022-2032 to contribute with recommendations to the work of the abovementioned Committee;
- Ad-hoc groups to provide professional expertise on different thematic, regional, stakeholder and other issues to the abovementioned Committee;
- Multi-stakeholder consultative meetings, which will be organized every three years. The meetings will invite interested stakeholders to share recommendations for the organization of the International Decade.

The Annex attached to this letter provides further information on the Global Task Force for IDIL 2022-2032.

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I would like to thank the members and observers of the Steering Committee and other partners for the organization of the International Year of Indigenous Languages for having provided recommendations for the development of the structure of the Global Task Force. This is also based on the Outcome Document “Los Pinos [Chapoltepek] – Making a Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages” of the High-level closing event of the International Year, organized on 27-28 February 2020 in Mexico City, Mexico.

To proceed with the establishment of the Global Task Force, I kindly invite you to share this information and consult with indigenous peoples’ organizations in your region, with the aim to nominate three regional organizational representatives of Indigenous Peoples per socio-cultural region (one representative to the Steering Committee, and two representatives to the Advisory Group). Based on a principle of rotation, the three nominees from each socio-cultural region will represent indigenous peoples in the Global Task Force and alternate between the Steering Committee and the Advisory Group in an initial three-year cycle 2021-2023.

I would be grateful if you could communicate to us the names and contact details of your nominated representatives, via email to Ms Irmgarda Kasinskaite-Buddeberg, Programme Specialist, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO (i.kasinskaite@unesco.org) by 1 December 2020.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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Att: Introduction to the Global Task Force for IDIL 2022-2032