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Your Excellency, Mr. Frederick Mussiwa Makamure Shawa, President of ECOSOC

In follow-up to your letter dated 27 September 2016 and requesting the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to contribute with substantive inputs to the thematic review of the Sustainable Development Goals in preparation for the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2017, please find attached the report on “Update on Indigenous Peoples and the 2030 Agenda” (E/C.19/2017/5). The report is available as a UN Document in 6 languages.

This year’s theme of ECOSOC “*Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges*” as well as the parallel theme of HLPF 2017 “*Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*” are of crucial relevance to indigenous peoples, who continue to be left behind and experience severe poverty, marginalization and exclusion in most of the societies, where they live.

Allow me to inform you that during the annual session of the Permanent Forum, taking place from 24 April to 5 May 2017, we will have a discussion on the “2030 Agenda and Indigenous Peoples” as part of the formal agenda of the 16<sup>th</sup> Session. The key points will be included in the report of the Forum which will be submitted to ECOSOC in July.

As an ECOSOC advisory body mandated to provide expert advice and raise awareness on the rights of indigenous peoples to ECOSOC and through ECOSOC to the UN system, we are available to offer our comments and input to the substantive discussions at the High Level Political Forum.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine', is written over a horizontal line.

Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine  
Chair of the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues