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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I would like to put on record that Mr. Tomaso Bertolini worked from July 2005 to January 2006, at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva in the capacity of fellow assisting the staff servicing the mandate of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples at the Indigenous and Minorities Unit. He also provided assistance to the Unit Coordinator in a number of tasks concerning other mandates of the Commission on Human Rights serviced by the Unit.

Mr. Bertolini discharged his functions with total devotion and very high efficiency. He displayed a keen sense of responsibility dealing with difficult human rights cases and liaised closely with indigenous representatives and organizations regarding issues of great relevance for them. In this particular regard, Mr. Bertolini helped the staff servicing the mandate in analysing incoming correspondence and communications addressed to the Special Rapporteur. He also prepared various research materials papers on a number of country situations in Latin America and Asia and contributed substantially to the preparations of materials for the Special Rapporteur main report on implementation of legislation on indigenous peoples' rights.

Mr. Bertolini showed a high degree of motivation to learn and work with the issues of human rights. He is a very competent and reliable person, always ready to help the team and to take initiative. Mr. Bertolini has very good organizational and communication skills and works very efficiently and with a great sense of responsibility. In addition he is a warm-hearted and dedicated person.

I write to offer my highest recommendations for Mr. Bertolini and I take this opportunity to wish his every success in her future activities.

Pablo Espiniella

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Espiniella'.

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