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Subject: Commemoration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People at the Palais des Nations

1. The International Day of the World's Indigenous People will be commemorated at the Palais des Nations on Thursday, 25th July 2002, with an artistic presentation by indigenous groups from around the world.
2. The official date for this Day is 9 August but it was decided by the High Commissioner for Human Rights that the commemoration should be held during the annual session of the Working Group on Indigenous People which ends on 26 July 2002.
3. The ceremony will take place from 9 to 11 am in Ariana Park, in front of the Armillary Sphere. Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Mrs. Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Chairperson/Rapporteur of the Working Group on Indigenous Peoples will address the celebration.
4. Statements will be followed by cultural performances by different indigenous groups.
5. Subject to the exigencies of the service, supervisors are requested to release staff members from their duties in order to enable them to attend the Commemoration.

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