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Letter dated 13 April 2023 from the Permanent Representative of

the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to bring to your attention a serious situation of non-issuance of visas to the delegation of the Russian Federation to the twenty-second session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The session starts on Monday, 17 April, and travel from Russia now takes almost two days.

At our recent meeting I conveyed to you the non-paper on unresolved visa issues, which included the above-mentioned delegation. The majority of the members of the delegation, including the head of the delegation, Igor V. Barinov, Head of the Federal Agency for Interethnic Relations of the Russian Federation, have not received their visas (only two members of the delegation were granted United States entry visas).

Please find attached the full list of delegates and representatives still waiting for their visas for the respective official United Nations event (see annex).

We count on your urgent action in order to resolve this situation so that the right of participation of the Russian Federation in the work of the United Nations is respected.

We should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 168.

(*Signed*) Vassily **Nebenzia**

**Annex to the letter dated 13 April 2023 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Non-paper on visa-related problems of the delegates from the capital**

**Twenty-second session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (17–28 April)**

The following delegates are still waiting for their visas:

**Head of the delegation**

Igor **Barinov**, Head of the Federal Agency for Interethnic Relations of the Russian Federation;

**Members of the delegation**

 Sergei **Timoshkov**;

 Sergei **Chumarev**;

 Alena **Gavrilenko**;

 Anna **Polezhaeva;**

**Indigenous Peoples’ representatives**

 Nina **Veysalova**;

 Sergey **Sizonenko**;

 Liudmila **Alferova**;

 Gulvaira **Kutsenko**;

 Svetlana **Chernyshova**.

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