The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations and other International Organizations welcomes the opportunity to respond to Special Rapporteur James Anaya's letter of August 21, 2012, regarding the sale of land located within the Black Hills, South Dakota.

The United States understands that several tribes purchased the Pe' Sla sacred site on about November 30, 2012. Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of the protection of indigenous cultural heritage.

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations and other International Organizations thanks the Special Rapporteur for his dedicated work and avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Permanent Mission of the
United States of America, Geneva,
January 2, 2013.