



THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

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OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 2021 SESSION

Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 - Conference Building

Monday, 19 April 2021

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

PROGRAMME

1. Declaration of the opening of the session by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *Mr. Elliott Harris*
2. Ceremonial welcome by the traditional Chief of the Onondaga Nation *Tadodaho Sid Hill* (video recording)
3. Election of the Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (**Item 1**)
4. Message by the Secretary-General, *H.E. António Guterres* (video recording)
5. Statement by the President of the 75th session of the General Assembly, *H.E. Volkan Bozkir*
6. Statement by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, *H.E. Ambassador Juan Sandoval Mendiola* (Mexico)
7. Election of the Bureau of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (**Item 1**)
8. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work (**Item 2**)
9. Statement by the Chair of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
10. Message of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Liu Zhenmin delivered by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, *Mr. Elliott Harris*
11. Message by the Vice President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, *H.E. David Choquehuanca Cespedes* (video recording)
12. Message by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, *H.E. Pekka Haavisto* (video recording)
13. Message by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, *H.E. Debra Halaand* (video recording)

