



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
**U.S. Department
of the Interior**

www.doi.gov

News Release

Date: April 22, 2010

Contact: Kendra Barkoff (DOI) 202-208-6416

Nedra Darling (AS-IA) 202-219-4152

Secretary Salazar’s Statement of Support Regarding the United States Undertaking a Formal Review of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar issued the following statement regarding remarks made at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues by United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Susan E. Rice on April 20, 2010:

“As the Administration reexamines the United States’ position regarding the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we welcome the opportunity for inter-agency collaboration during the review process as well as dialogue with tribal governments and officials within the United States. This is an important undertaking that directly complements our commitment to supporting tribal self-determination, ensuring tribal self-government, respecting tribal sovereignty and carrying out our unique federal trust responsibilities. Working together with the international community, we hope to address the many challenges that indigenous peoples face around the globe.”

###