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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 interagency 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."