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Dear sisters and brothers,

I am a Dr. Alexandra Grigorieva – President of the Organization Yurta Mira – World Yurta of Peace.

I wish to thank participants of the Fifth Forum for support of idea “Yurta Mira”.

Today the organization “Yurta Mira” has its Head Branch in Canada, and also Branch in Republic Sakha (Yakutia) in Siberia.

The task of “YM” is to associate of all indigenous nations of the world with the purpose of survival in rigid and changing conditions of the present (climatic, geopolitics, economic social etc.), and also preservations of original culture of each nationality, language, ancient traditions of spiritual healing of people, as well as the soil on which they live.

Indigenous people are keepers of natural and cultural relics, and therefore their well-being is the mortgage of preservation of a cultural and biological variety of various areas of the world.

I would like to bring attention of participants of the Fifth Forum to following event: in 2010 in Vancouver will host Winter Olympic Games. An official Emblem of this Olympic Games is an image which is Inuit symbol of hope and friendship.

I wish to remind those present here that Inuits are native people of Polar Siberia. Five thousand years ago they have crossed Bering Strait and came to the American Continent. Thus, we are related people. And we should take part in this Olympics together.

As the Permanent Representative of Association of Indigenous People of the North in Canada, I call the Fifth Forum to support the idea of participation of all Indigenous People in this

Olympics. Each Indigenous People has its unique kinds of sports. In Yakutia there are such ancient national kinds of sports as Khapsagai-wrestling and Mas-wrestlings; these national sports can be demonstrated during the Olympics so that subsequently could be included in standard Olympic programs. A little of history: exactly thirty years ago three Yakut sportsmen on free-style wrestling participated on Olympic Games in Montreal. Pavel Pinigin has won the Gold medal, Roman Dmitriev - a silver medal, Alexander Ivanov - the Bronze medal. This event was the big pride for the small people of Yakutia living in conditions of Polar Siberia.

Thus "YM" will allow to the world community to get acquainted with traditions, cultural and a spiritual heritage of Indigenous nations.

We have a wide experience of the organization and carrying out of such actions. Yakutsk had thrice hosted the International Sports Games of Children of Asia representing participants from 16 countries of Asian-Pacific region.

Our organization has all that is needed for building such a complex in Vancouver - we have the project ready, construction experts and workers are ready to begin work immediately.

After the Olympics "YM" will serve as the public, cultural, sports, educational and medical Center for natives of Canada. It will also be a ground for sacred spiritual ceremonies.

Thus "YM" becomes a place for meetings and assemblies of all native peoples of the World.