



José Francisco Cali Tzay --

The next UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

On Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of the UN Human Rights Council announced the appointment of **José Francisco Cali Tzay** as the next UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Inuit Circumpolar Council is happy to take note of this appointment and offers its welcome and congratulations to Jose Francisco Cali Tzay.

As noted in our joint letter of support for his candidacy, the ICC acknowledged his impressive resume and service to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. We noted that he is the only Indigenous person to serve as a member of a UN human rights treaty body and that he will build upon his record of impartial and objective work in this important mandate. We look forward to his future contributions to the UN human rights regime as well as his independent contributions to the elaboration of the rights of Indigenous peoples, including Inuit.

We trust that he will make a substantial contribution to the successful and pivotal work of former UN Special Rapporteurs, the late Rodolfo Stavenhagen, S. James Anaya and Victoria Tauli Corpuz. Finally, we thank Victoria Tauli-Corpuz for her service in this role.