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## Maya Elders' visit to New York City – A Brief report:

On 24 October 2012 in early afternoon, the Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues welcomed NGO representatives to the Dedication of its new offices on the 29th Floor of the Secretariat Bldg at UN Headquarters in New York City. The subsequent meeting with a small attendance took place in a conference room on the 27th floor. UN Offices are slowly returning to the Secretariat building after renovations.

Flyer had announced a Discussion on "The Mayan Cosmvision: Is 2012 the end of the world?"

From flyer: *Thousands of years ago, Mayan astronomers foresaw in 2012 a unique alignment of the cosmos which occurs once every 64,000 years. They knew that all aspects of life are governed by the movement of the heavens. The Maya identified this new cycle as a monumental transition and an opportunity to realign priorities based on the principles of love, gratitude, care and respect for both humanity and our environment. For the Maya, ushering a new cycle is a huge celebration. The Quiche Elders are bringing their sacred instruments to deliver their message of reassurance that although chaos is present, we are stepping into a bright future, a new era of Love and Wisdom.* Three Maya Elders and an interpreter of the K'iche' Mayoral of Santo Tomas de Chichicastenango, Guatemala (Maya-Quiche Empire) shared their positive message. The leader of the group Don Tomas Calvo was the only one who addressed the meeting. He spoke in the K'iche' language which was then translated in Spanish by the Maya interpreter. Then an English translation was provided.

As there was no programme, it was not clear which organization had apparently facilitated the visit. At the beginning of the meeting, a power point presentation on the meaning of the Maya Calendar leading to the 21 December 2012 date was given by a member of this organization. English translations were also provided by Organization members. (A website address was provided [www.mayanow.org](http://www.mayanow.org))

It was explained by Don Calvo in an interview which took place before the meeting that the Ancient Mayas foresaw the astronomical alignment and decided to stop the Calendar at that point. The Elders were here in New York City at the United Nations to make sure that the world understood that the End of the Calendar ushered a positive Change of Cycle, not the end of the world: "When all ends, all begins".

After the power point presentation and a short film \*, a short address by Don Calvo took place, followed by questions and answers.

\* <http://www.indiegogo.com/mayanow>

Don Calvo closed the meeting by stating that it was a wonderful opportunity to live in this time of change. All are called to share this message and work on a better future. He extended an invitation to visit their community of Chichicastenango on 21 December 2012.

The Maya Elders are in NYC from October 23 thru October 31.

Events Open to the Public:

**Saturday October 27th:** Mayan Ceremony in the [Great Hill Central Park](#). 12PM - 4PM

**Sunday October 28th:** Mayan Ceremony at [Sanctuary NYC](#). 2PM - 4:30PM

**Monday October 29th:** Mayan Ceremony at NYU's [Center for Academic and Spiritual Life](#), Room 475. 2PM – 4PM

For more information:

<http://www.mayanow.org>

Additional:

Planetary alignment is shown in paragraph 4:

<http://www.griffithobservatory.org/exhibits/special/2012.html>

**24 October 2012 was United Nations Day, 67th Birthday of United Nations**

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