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Media Release

PROFESSOR MEGAN DAVIS RE-ELECTED TO THE UN PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

The Indigenous Law Centre is proud to announce that Centre Director, Professor Megan Davis, has been re-elected to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

The Forum acts as an advisory body to the UN Economic and Social Council and provides expert advice on a wide range of Indigenous issues including economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights.

Professor Davis said it was a “privilege” to be re-elected, and that she looked forward to another "exciting" three-year term.

"I look forward to continuing to contribute to the development of indigenous peoples rights in international law," she said.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Foreign Minister Bob Carr congratulated Professor Davis on her re-election.

“Australia is rightly proud that our outstanding Indigenous candidate was re-elected as a member of the pre-eminent UN body for Indigenous issues for another three year term,” they said in a joint press release.

Australia’s Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda also congratulated Professor Davis on her re-election.

“Megan has provided invaluable guidance to the Forum since 2011, in particular in relation to Aboriginal women’s rights including Aboriginal women’s political participation and violence against Aboriginal women,” he said.

“It is a real win for Australia and the UN Permanent Forum for Megan to be re-elected to serve until 2016,” he said.

When elected to the Forum in 2010, Professor Davis became the first Indigenous Australian to be elected to a United Nations body.

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