

# International Indian Treaty Council

DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE GUATEMALAN PEOPLE, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO INDIANS  
WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS, AUGUST 9-13, 1982  
SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND  
PROTECTION OF MINORITIES  
UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, GENEVA

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Bill of Human Rights, and the International Convention against Genocide, in particular those provisions relating to the right of Self-Determination,

Noting General Assembly decision 36/435 of 18 December 1981, Commission on Human Rights Resolution 1982/31, and the work of the Special Rapporteur appointed by the Commission to make a thorough study of the human rights situation in Guatemala,

Bearing in mind changes in the Government of Guatemala which occurred in March, 1982, and the declaration by that Government of a State of Siege on July 1, 1982,

Disturbed by continuing reports of gross violations of human rights in Guatemala and in particular allegations of mass killings of indigenous peoples and destruction of their villages and crops,

Convinced that urgent action is necessary in order to establish the facts of the current human rights situation in Guatemala and to protect the human rights of all peoples therein,

Expresses its deep concern at reports of genocidal acts carried out by members of the Guatemalan security forces against indigenous Indian peoples,

Condemns the reported massacres of thousands of Indians by Guatemalan military forces since March, 1982, and the expulsion of more than one million Indians from their indigenous communities, and hundreds of thousands from the country itself,

Requests the Secretary-General to forward all information received by the Sub-Commission relating to the situation of human rights in Guatemala to the Special Rapporteur of the Commission:

Further requests the Secretary General to transmit relevant information received by the Sub-Commission to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross:

Invites the attention of the Government of Guatemala to these issues as raised in discussions during the thirty-fifth session of the Sub-Commission and its Working Group on Indigenous Populations:

Further invites the attention of all Governments concerned to the use being made of military arms and materials that may be transmitted to the Government of Guatemala:

Further invites all Governments and international organs to consider that a state of war exists in Guatemala, and that the opposition to the Government is organized under a Front, the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG), which has been publically supported by a broad base of national and local organizations representing the majority of the population of Guatemala.

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