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UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Sub-Commission on Prevention of
Discrimination and Protection of Minorities
Working Group on Indigenous Populations
Third Session

Recommendation of the International Indian Treaty Council

The International Indian Treaty Council respectfully submits the following to the Third Session of the U.N. Working Group on Indigenous Populations, for its consideration and adoption:

TREATY RESOLUTION

Taking into account Article I paragraph 3 and the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations as well as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Taking note of the report of the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, of 1983

Bearing in mind the "Athens Appeal" and the "Declaration of San Jose" under the auspices of UNESCO,

Having carefully studied the resolutions of the International NGO Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the Land held in Geneva, Switzerland, September 1981,

Knowing of the existence of more than 371 bilateral Treaties between the Government of the United States of America and Indian Nations, and of the 73 Treaties being entered into between the United Kingdom and the Indians in the territory now known as Canada and pointing out that the Indians entered into these Treaty Agreements with the United States and the United Kingdom were independent and Sovereign at that time.

Reaffirming that no Indigenous Nation or group shall be deemed to have fewer rights, or lesser status for the sole reason that the Nations or group has not entered into recorded Treaties or agreements with any state,

We respectfully request

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The Working Group on Indigenous Populations advise the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to carefully study the Indian Treaties, the lack of observance of these Treaties and its influence on the human rights situation of Indian Peoples in the United States and Canada, and the viability of these Treaties today, having due account of these points of view of the United States and Canada and those of the Indian Nations and Peoples and to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its 43rd Session.