

**STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
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We respectfully ask that the Working Group include the following in its report to the Sub-commission.

1. The Working Group on Indigenous Populations makes reference to existing norms of international law for the protection of indigenous populations including, without limitation, the Charter of the United Nations; Universal Declaration of Human Rights; International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide; Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties; Declaration of Principles for the Defense of the Indigenous Nations and Peoples of the Western Hemisphere; and the Helsinki Accords.
2. The Working Group makes specific references, and reproduces in its report, the Principles for Guiding the Deliberations of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations as a comprehensive and authoritative interpretation of the standards which should guide the Working Group in considering information which it receives. These draft principles address each of the concerns and illustrative experiences discussed by the participants in the Working Group sessions.
3. 3. Of all the situations involving indigenous populations which have been brought to the attention of the Working Group, the situation involving Indian peoples of Guatemala requires the most urgent attention. It appears that mass killing of Indians is taking place and that the very survival of those Indian peoples is in immediate jeopardy.
4. 4. The Working Group urges creation of a fund to facilitate broader participation of indigenous populations in the sessions of the Working Group in Geneva. The Working Group also urges consideration of means whereby Working Group sessions could be held in places more accessible to indigenous populations, including the possibility of individual members of the Working Group soliciting oral and written information in specific regions.

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