

Intervention by George Pierre, Karaik from Surinam.

Madame Chair,

I would like to make two points.

The first one concerns membership in the United Nations. Do you realise, that your organisation refuses to accept nations as members? You only accept States. Therefore, I think that your organisation should change its name. You should call yourself: the UNITED...STATES.

If you really wanted to be a United Nations, you should realise the following. There are two types of nations. One type consists of stateless nations. That is us, the indigenous people. The other type are the state-dominated nations.

You can also express this difference in another way.

WE are the human rights-respecting nations.  
THEY are the human rights-violating nations.

WE are kept out of your organisation.  
THEY are welcomed in.

THAT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO US,

In order to solve this problem, I propose the following.

I propose, Madame Chair, that you invite to our next annual meeting nobody less than the secretary-general of the United Nations; Then we can discuss with him, what kind of membership can be given to us. We could, for instance, start by being an associate member. We want this membership for one reason only. And that is, that we want to teach you HOW TO RESPECT THE HUMAN RIGHT.

I now come to my second point.

We fear, Madame Chair, that your Universal Declaration will not give us a better protection of our human right.

Your notion of the human right is foreign to us. You do not understand our concept of the human right, which is the true human right. I know what I am talking about, Madame Chair, because I am a judge in my own village.

In order to explain to you what the human right is, I have asked someone to draw up a summary for your information. A copy of it will be distributed to all of you in this room in just a few minutes.

It is called: THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DECLARATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHT.

Madame Chair, if you want the UN to proclaim a new UNIVERSAL DECLARATION, you could copy our DECLARATION. Then, you can't go wrong.

After having said this, Madame Chair, you will be surprised to hear me say that we need your help. But we do.

WHAT WE NEED MOST, is an independent court of justice here in Geneva. An independent court is also an impartial court. And an impartial court will judge conflicts on the basis of natural law.. Not statutory law. PLEASE, MADAME CHAIR, help us establish

this impartial court.