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We are ~~very~~ deeply concerned about that portion of the Study on Treaties that concerns indigenous peoples in countries of Asia and Africa. Our concern is that this part of the Report is intended to exclude a great many peoples from ~~the benefits of the~~ consideration as indigenous peoples and perhaps exclude them from the application of the draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. We believe that peoples who consider themselves indigenous, who suffer ~~subordination~~ domination by others, who suffer other violations of their fundamental rights, and who have maintained their identity as peoples, should be regarded as indigenous peoples for purposes of the UN Working Group and the draft Declaration.

of Africa + Asia

We also find the discussion of indigenous group and other groups in African and Asia to be unclear, ~~and~~ confusing and of doubtful relevance to the study of treaties.

We fear that this material in the study could become the basis for broadly excluding Asia and Africa from the application of the Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Any such blanket exclusion would be [^]wrong. ~~Such exclusions~~ ~~would~~ morally, historically and legally