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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We appreciate very much the support and interest given to the SAIIC newsletter during the past year. Your comments and suggestions have been helpful. We also welcome those who are reading the newsletter for the first time and urge you to subscribe. We need your economic support in order to continue bringing you information about the millions of Indians who, along with other oppressed groups, struggle to change their futures.

The acronym SAIIC stands for the South American Indian Information Center, but in fact we have always included information about indigenous peoples' issues in Central America and Mexico as well as Australia, the Pacific, and North America. At the suggestion of readers, we have changed our name (but not the acronym) to the South and Central American Indian Information Center.

We want the information from our newsletter to reach as many people as possible. Feel free to quote us. We appreciate reference to SAIIC whenever you publish information you find here.

1985 has been a year marked by many accomplishments by Indian communities. The participation of indigenous organizations in the United Nations has been strengthened through a number of international and regional gatherings, and the negotiations for peace between the Nicaraguan government and the Miskitus have given hope for the future. On the other hand, there have been numerous negative events, such as the continuing massacres and oppression of all types against Indian people and others who suffer from poverty, especially in Guatemala, El Salvador, Peru, Colombia, and Chile.

However, there is no doubt that Indian people continue to walk forward along the road to liberation, for which international solidarity and support is necessary.

Warm greetings and wishes for a good year in 1986.

In solidarity,
Nilo Cayuqueo
and the SAIIC Committee

