



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are grateful for your subscriptions! Your response made it clear to us how necessary our information center is. Thanks for your letters and good wishes.

This is our second bi-monthly newsletter. It is dedicated mainly to the General Assembly of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples held last September in Panama. We hope to hear more from you, and urge those that haven't subscribed yet to do so.

Sincerely,

The SAIIC Committee

The World Council of Indigenous Peoples was founded in 1975 in Canada. It encompasses five regions: the Eastern Region (the Samis from Scandinavia and the Inuit from Greenland), the Northern Region (Alaska, Canada, and the United States), the Central Region (Mexico and Central America), the Southern Region (South America), and the Pacific Region (Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific Islands).

WCIP's main objectives were to create a communications network for indigenous people worldwide. This would facilitate their struggle against the oppressive neocolonial nation-states in which they live. Also it would help educate international public opinion about the Indian situation throughout the world, and especially in the Americas.

For diverse reasons, the WCIP did not meet all these expectations agreed upon during its founding. It did, though, continue to function and hold General Assemblies every three years. The second assembly was held in 1977 in Samiland (Lapland), the third

