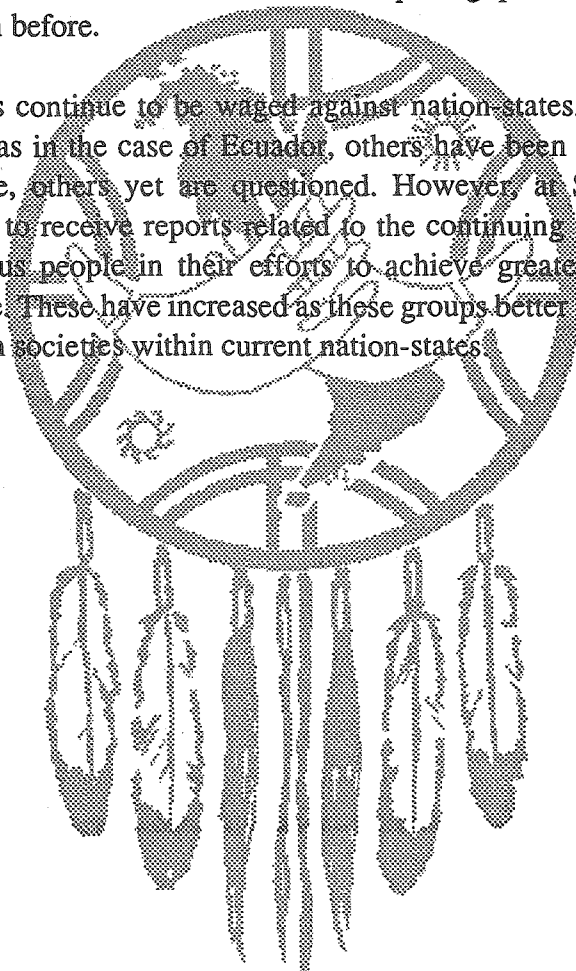


Editorial

Since the publication of our previous SAIC Newsletter, Indigenous unity and continental organizing continues to be a subject of dynamic discussion. More Indigenous peoples have been contacted, and we have witnessed encounters with younger leaders, men and women, who continue to take political responsibilities within Indian communities.

This year's meetings have resulted in strengthening ties among Indigenous peoples. They have helped to clarify our positions within the larger spectrum of societies, and international organizations. The Indigenous perspective is contributing to promote a process of mental decolonization, and is opening spaces of dialogue unknown before.

Demands continue to be waged against nation-states. Some are positive as in the case of Ecuador, others have been considered untenable, others yet are questioned. However, at SAIC, we continue to receive reports related to the continuing struggle of Indigenous people in their efforts to achieve greater levels of influence. These have increased as these groups better understand their own societies within current nation-states.



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