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GUATEMALA

The following interview was taped by Nilo Cayuqueo at the WCIP Conference. It represents one of the many indigenous women's voices heard to speak out regarding the continuing repression and genocide in Guatemala:

"We are here representing "Mayas," (Movimiento de ayuda y accion solidaria) to give testimony and to ask support of the Council as an organization that works in defense of indigenous rights. We are here to ask for concrete action against the Guatemalan government. This government is killing us every day in diverse forms. Also they are using the Indian people in many ways to maintain military control in Guatemala.

We estimate there are approximately 200,000 refugees outside the country. At the same time, it is established that there are more than a million people who have been displaced and remain in the country. These people are in very difficult situations, many living outside and suffering daily from hunger and cold.

The reaction of Indian women to all this is very strong because women are used by the government in various ways, due to our being women and Indian. This suffering that women go through is a kind of torture and, for a mother, it is even more difficult. A woman might take passive or aggressive action, but it is very difficult to act, because of the type of psychological warfare that exists. One suffers, because of the killing of our children, of our husbands, and our people. At the same time, it is a woman's responsibility to educate, raise, protect, and feed her children, particularly if her husband has been killed. So a woman's attitude must be strong in finding a way to defend and sustain herself and her family in this critical situation.

NICARAGUA

Representatives of the Miskito organization, MISATAN, founded in July, 1984, were in attendance at the WCIP conference. The representatives invited the conference participants to visit Nicaragua, Honduras, and Costa Rica in order to gain a clear picture of Miskito reality and to support "the reunification of our families that have been dispersed for the past three years."

Representatives of the Miskito opposition organization, MISURASATA, were also present, but did not participate officially in the conference. The representatives affir-