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Jose Carlos Morales M., Presidentâ  
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Dear Jose:

Enclosed is a copy of "Global Energy Transition and the Indigenous Alternative". This paper was prepared in response to the Executive Council's directive in May 1981 (Canberra, Australia). The Secretariat asked that I send this copy to you so that it might be used in the December Executive Council meeting. Since neither Reg Birch or I was able to attend the Nairobi, Kenya conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (10-21, August 1981) I had suggested to Marie that this paper be sent to specific UN Agencies and specific countries. I also suggested that the paper be sent to each of the regions of WCIP.

Since I was unable to attend the Managua Executive Council meeting (due to a shortage of money) I was asked by the Secretariat to send this paper to you. I would have sent it to Managua, but no one has told me where the Executive Council will be staying. I am sorry this paper is not translated into Spanish. I am slowly learning to speak the language, but I cannot write it. Perhaps I will have learned enough by Spring so I can write my papers in Spanish.

I hope this letter and the accompanying paper find you and your family in good health.

Recuerdos,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jose Carlos Morales Morales, President  
Executive Council  
Marie Marule, Chief Administrator Secretariat  
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FROM: Rudolph C. Ryser  
Special Assistant to the President

SUBJECT: "Global Dialogue among Indigenous Peoples" on the Draft  
International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples  
(April 28, 1981).

DATE: 6 November, 1981

During the WCIP Third General Assembly in Canberra, Australia Delegates agreed in principle to the Draft International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and directed that Indigenous Peoples located in the five WCIP Regions should be invited to discuss and comment on the document during the period leading up to the Fourth WCIP General Assembly. By consensus agreement Delegates favored WCIP initiative to encourage extensive and thorough dialogue among Indigenous Peoples at the community level, national level, and regional level to achieve a global consensus on the Covenant's content. In accordance with this General Assembly directive I propose that the Executive Council consider approval for an "International Covenant Plan of Action" to achieve broad indigenous group participation in the process of formulating a final draft of the Covenant in preparation for final consideration by the Fourth WCIP General Assembly.

Proposed Objectives:

1. Encourage thoughtful and constructive criticism (in the form of analysis, commentaries, essays, speeches, etc.) by indigenous peoples regarding the substance of the Draft International Covenant for publication by the WCIP and other public outlets during a period of twenty-four months commencing in January 1982.
2. Encourage national organizations, Indigenous nations and communities to organize discussion forums to critically examine the proposed Draft Covenant and recommend modifications and explanations for such modifications.
3. Encourage Regional Organization discussion and critical review of the proposed Draft Covenant.

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4. Encourage four inter-regional forums on the Draft Covenant.
5. Compile comprehensive and detailed statements, recommendations and analysis by region for consideration by the WCIP Fourth General Assembly.

To facilitate the process of a "global dialogue" on the subject of the Draft International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples I urge Executive Council consideration of the following programs and tasks:

- A. The Institute for World Indigenous Research should be designated as the Agency of the WCIP to prepare a series of eight essays -- one for each section of the Draft Covenant -- for distribution to each member national organization and regional organization. (The WCIP Secretariat should have primary coordinative responsibility while the IWIR should have analysis, research and compilation responsibilities.)
- B. Each participating organization should be sent an "International Covenant" packet which contains materials that can be used to explain the Draft Covenant, provide suggestions for community participation and descriptions of methods by which indigenous groups can directly influence the Covenant's content prior to the Fourth General Assembly. This packet should be easily duplicated to suit local needs.
- C. A packet should be designed for non-Indigenous NGO's to encourage their examination of the Draft and coincidentally encourage wider public education and political support.
- D. The Institute for World Indigenous Research should undertake an analysis of "Future political implications for Indigenous Populations as a consequence of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" in conjunction with regional institutes, schools and or regional study groups.
- E. A global survey should be undertaken to determine which and how many Indigenous groups would be affected by the proposed International Covenant; and which and how many nation-states would be affected. Combined with this survey effort should be the development of a "measurement scale" which can be used by the WCIP and its membership to determine the relative degree of advancement being achieved by Indigenous groups or nations toward the goals of self-determination and economic self-sufficiency.

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- F. Each Regional Secretariat should prepare a "Regional Covenant Impact Analysis" which covers the following topics:
- a sectional critique of the Draft Covenant
  - assessment of Indigenous group potential response to Draft Covenant
  - Assessment of nation-state response to Draft Covenant in terms of domestic and external policies (each nation-state separately)
  - Assessment of geographical impact - which and how much territory may be affected?
  - Describe the potential sources of greatest support (indigenous groups, non-indigenous groups; organizations, business, political parties, local, department or national governments); and describe the greatest sources of potential opposition.

The six general elements (A-F) of the proposed plan could be plotted on a time-schedule as follows:

- A: January - July 1982
- B: Planning: February - June 1982  
Production period: July 1982 - December 1984
- C: Planning: February - May 1982  
Production period: June - July 1982
- D: Planning: December 1982 - March 1983  
Production period: April 1983 - February 1984
- E: Planning: August 1982 - June 1983  
Production period: July 1983 - June 1984
- F: Planning: January - July 1982  
Production period: August 1982 - August 1984

In accordance with by M. Marule I am preparing a section-by-section analysis of the Draft International Covenant in "point-form". I believe that this analysis combined with the paper I prepared in May 1980 entitled Tribal Political Status: Finding a Place for Indigenous Peoples in the Family of Nations will serve as a working foundation for beginning the "global dialogue" process as just outlined.

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SEÑOR JOSE CARLOS MORALES M., Presidente  
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Querida Jose:

Por la presente me dirijo a Ud. para transmitir la  
papel incluso: " The World Bank's New Indigenous Policy:  
A change in International Economic Development Strategies".  
La Banco Mundial Indigenas Politica muy importante.

This politica can become an important new tool for  
the Consejo Mundial De Pueblos Indigenas to improve  
economic and political opportunities for Indigenas Pueblos.  
La papel ... preliminar.

I would advise you to consider this paper in the light  
of your recent discussions with the Costa Rican Government.  
Consider as well, that the Costa Rican Government is deeply  
indebted to the Banco Mundial at a rate of more than \$2.5  
billion (U.S.) Costa Rica will be directly affected by the  
Banco Mundial Indigenas Politica, and will, therefore, seek  
tribal cooperation. I would strongly recommend close co-  
ordination between Pueblos Indigenas de Costa Rica, Pueblos  
Indigenas de Mexico and Pueblos Indigenas de Estatus Unidos  
on efforts to bend the Banco Mundial Indigenas Politica to  
beneficio Pueblos Indigenas.

I am sending the enclosed paper to CMPI Executive Council  
members and to Floriberto Diaz Gomez. I would appreciate  
your comments and reactions to the paper.

Esperando su grata y pronta contestacion, quedo,

De quien te estima,

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