

## *Working Group Scope of Work*

# **Working Group on Strategic Relations**

### ***Definitions:***

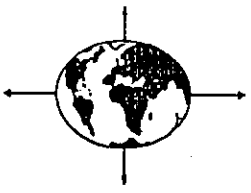
The term **strategic**, in the context of this working group, shall encompass, but not be limited to location of military facilities, manuevers, and testing; nuclear/environmental restoration and waste management and disposal; energy resource administration, management, and regulation; shipping routes, and space access and administration,

### **Charge to the Working Group**

- [1] The Working Group on Strategic Relations shall draft an analytical paper on relations between nations and nations and states in the economic sphere (as defined above). This document shall report the practice and policy of nations and states as they interact in the <sup>strategic</sup> economic sphere. The report shall be no longer than fifty pages and shall include notations and references.
- [2] The Working Group on Strategic Relations shall draft the language of an International Protocol on Strategic relations between Nations and Nations and States which shall contain provisions describing a framework for relations based on mutual cooperation and respect, and language describing a framework for conflict resolution when two or more nations, or nations and states are in dispute.
- [3] The Working Group on Strategic Relations shall serve as a technical advisory body to the CNS Plenary Body and to appropriate CNS sub-organs.

### **Membership**

The Working Group on Strategic Relations shall have seven members of whom three shall represent states' governments, three shall represent nations' governments and one shall serve as the Chairman/Rapporteur.



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Wilfred Yallup, Chairman  
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YAKIMA INDIAN NATION

Dear Chairman Yallup:

The Yakima Nation's leadership is urgently needed in the international arena. Not only will your leadership influence the growing dialogue on the rights of Indian peoples, but it would protect the Yakima Nation's long-term interests in the areas of the environment, education, timber management, nuclear power development and waste management and water rights. I personally urge you and the Yakima Nation Tribal Council to actively insert the Yakima Nation into international issues concerning Indian rights. I want to furthermore urge you to include on your roster of officials available for international meetings, Mr. Russell Jim because he is one of the few experts in Indian Country on traditional culture, environmental issues, nuclear power and nuclear waste disposal.

Ever since the National Congress of American Indians entered into an agreement on mutual cooperation with the National Indian Brotherhood of Canada in 1972, Indian Rights have been on the international agenda. In 1973, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights commissioned a ten-year study on the "Situation of Indigenous Peoples" (Including Indians in the United States). The rights of Indians were negotiated without the participation of Indian leaders in the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, but Indian leaders registered a strong intention to participate in these matters in 1977 at an international conference on Indian Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1977, Indian leaders helped form the World Council of Indigenous Peoples in Port Alberny, Canada. By 1982, the United Nations established the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations to examine international developments concerning the rights of indigenous peoples in all countries including tribes in the United States. The Mohawk, Hopi, Kiowa, Standing Rock Sioux, Western Shoshone, Cree, Blackfeet, Lil'Wat, Quinault and Lummi are among Indian tribes from North America which have been participating in the United Nations deliberations.

The Yakima Indian Nation is concerned with many issues which have profound importance to many other nations in the world, many events now going on in the international arena have direct implications for the interests of the Yakima Indian Nation. Water rights controversies have increasingly become an issue of critical importance. Because rivers pass through many nations, upstream and downstream impacts on rivers soon bring nations and states' governments into confrontations. The Yakima Nation is one of the leading Indian powers with experience, knowledge and practical solutions concerning river water usage, ground water usage and water conservation measures. The Yakima Nation is also one of the leading Indian powers with experience in timber management, environmental protection, nuclear waste management, and in education and health.

The United Nations is now considering a draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the International Labour Organization (ILO) completed two years ago revisions of its international convention (107) concerning the rights of "tribal and semi-tribal populations." The Inter-American Congress on Indian Life (of which the United States government and the governments of South and Central America are members) adopted in its 9th Congress in Santa Fe, NM a whole string of resolutions - some of which bear directly on tribes' land rights, political sovereignty and rights to self-government. These three international organizations are established for states' governments. The World Council of Indigenous Peoples, Inuit Circumpolar Conference, and the South American Regional Indian Council have been established since 1977 to begin giving voice to Indian rights (and the interests of other indigenous peoples) in the international arena. As you may know, Quinault President Joe DeLaCruz was the North American Representative to the World Council of Indigenous Peoples for many years.

The Yakima Indian Nation will soon receive an official invitation to join the Lummi Indian Nation, and six hundred other indigenous nations to participate in an international **Congress of Nations and States (CNS)** (See attached briefing document) in December 1992. The Lummi Nation now sits on the **Congress of Nations and States Preparatory Committee** along with the Maasi of Kenya & Tanzania, Kuna of Panama, Tibet and Yakut-Sakha of Siberia. These nations are joined by representatives of the United States of America, Japan, Germany and Russia. The ten member Preparatory Committee will convene its first session on September 10 on the Lummi Reservation. The Yakima Nation will be invited to send observers. After the Preparatory Committee completes its first session, Russell Jim will be officially invited to sit on the **CNS Strategic Working Group** (one of five working groups) to provide his expert technical and negotiating skills to the process of developing one of four draft international protocols which will be placed before the International Congress of Nations and States for discussion and action. I hope the Yakima Nation will agree this is an extremely important new initiative that warrants the Yakima Nation's support.

The world is changing very rapidly and the leadership of nations like the Yakima is sorely needed.

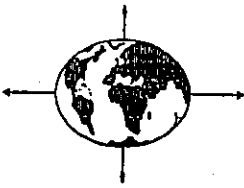
Yours sincerely,



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Dear Viktor:

The Congress of Nations and States project is coming along well. The first preparatory meeting is expected to be held in mid-September on the Lummi reservation, which should start things out on the right foot. A briefing packet will be sent to you, as well as the other Working Group members, from the Congress of Nations and States Secretariat within the next few weeks. Unfortunately, I failed to make note of which Working Group you wanted to sit on. The choices, again, are: Political, Social, Economic, or Strategic. Please let me know which group you have chosen.

I am in the process of putting together a database of all of the nations in the world, their formal government names, leader names and titles, addresses, and office telephone and telefax numbers. In addition, I am also collecting information on private organizations interested in nations, to be used as additional sources of information and to be invited to observe the Congress. I believe that I had mentioned this project to you in Geneva. It is no small task, and I am requesting assistance from many sources. If you could come up with some information regarding nations and organization contacts in the West Papuan area, and anywhere else you can think of, it would be a great help in inviting these nations to participate in the Congress. Our telefax number here at the office is (206) 866-1823.

Best Regards,

  
Tina Benshoof

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*Look forward to hearing from you my friend!*  
*Ruby*