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The International Work Group of Indigenous Affairs was established at the 38th International Congress of Americanists. The work group intends to use knowledge collected by social scientists to seek solution to the problems arising from forced acculturation and integration in various countries throughout the world.

The work group is a non-political and non-religious organization whose members do not represent any nation or national institutions. It will try to include representatives of other disciplines having useful knowledge and expertise and wanting to take an active part. It will also cooperate with other institutions working on related problems.

The work group intends to establish itself under the U.N. in co-operation with the Office of Legal Affairs and the Commission of Human Rights.

It will contact national governments informing them about the status of indigenous groups, offering co-operation in working toward the solution of the problems and in critical cases offering to send specialized workgroups into the field.

The next step to be taken by the workgroup will be to seek support from participants at the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences in Tokyo, and to approach the U.N.

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We ask all members to fill in and return the attached information card.

Members are also asked to bring to the attention of colleagues and others, the aims and objectives of the workgroup.

All communication regarding membership should be sent to:

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A committee responsible for organizing a symposium and collecting documentary material is based in Paris under the address:

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The next Newsletter will be distributed after the Tokyo congress.

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