

human life, health or the environment, through criminal prosecution and civil liability of company officers and directors. The code of conduct should reflect the principle of prior informed consent of indigenous communities to activities which affect them directly.

Canada should enact legislation affirming the civil jurisdiction of Canadian courts to entertain actions for damages to human health or the environment abroad caused by the activities of a corporation which is incorporated in Canada or whose major shareholders are nationals of Canada (based on the principles of private international law discussed in *Aguinda v. Texaco*).

Canada should lend its full support to the initiative of Peru and other Andean countries to consider the intellectual property rights of indigenous peoples in the next round of world trade talks, and address indigenous peoples' concerns within the NAFTA framework through NAFEC, and a possible additional side-bar agreement.

4. Technical education

Canada is in a strong position to assert regional leadership in the fields of indigenous land rights, land claims, and co-management, including the technical aspects of traditional land-use mapping, sound environmental stewardship based on local knowledge, and negotiations.

Canada should sponsor initiatives by Aboriginal organizations and Community-University Research Alliances to assist NGOs and governments in Latin America in the design and implementation of land-use mapping, land demarcation, and security-of-tenure schemes. This would include facilitating bilateral talks between indigenous peoples in Canada and Latin America.

Canada should invest in the establishment of regional centres of excellence serving indigenous peoples throughout the Americas in such fields as health, the environment, and higher education, as called for by the UN General Assembly in resolutions on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

Canada should encourage the training of Latin American indigenous people at Canadian universities, for example by providing them special bursaries and by sponsoring wider exchanges of indigenous students and instructors. It is essential for such programs to include a component of preparing indigenous people for fluency in both English and Spanish in order to improve North-South communication.

Taking the first steps

Canada has taken a strong, principled position of the scourges of genocide, ethnocide, and ethnic cleansing in the Balkans, and should apply the same standards of conduct to its neighbours in the Western Hemisphere. Canada should take a visible stand on the principle that the forced assimilation, dispossession, relocation, or mass intimidation of indigenous peoples represent threats to the peace and security of the hemisphere. In this regard, Canada must take full responsibility for the activities of Canadians abroad--in particular, the activities of a growing number of Canadian corporations engaged in resource extraction in the indigenous territories of Latin America. Canadian