

conferences, were held this year in London, Berlin, New Delhi, Bangkok, Sydney, Canberra, Wellington, Tokyo, Bogotá, Quito and Santiago.

#### 4. Rights of indigenous peoples

37. The Department publicized the adoption, by the International Labour Conference in June 1989 in Geneva, of a revised version of the 1957 Indigenous and Tribal Populations Convention. While the earlier instrument stressed integration, the new text recognizes that indigenous and tribal peoples are socially, culturally and economically distinct from other sections of their national communities and have a right to remain in their lands, decide on their own kind of development, protect their environment and retain their own customs and institutions.

38. The adoption of the new Convention was featured in the September issue of the quarterly publication UN Chronicle and in the television programme UN in Action.

#### 5. Rights of women

39. During the reporting period, further emphasis was given by the Department to the priority themes identified by the Commission on the Status of Women. Among the numerous public information activities undertaken in this regard were (a) the production of a series of feature articles on topics such as violence, political power, literacy and the effects of the economic crisis on women in developing countries; (b) the production of a documentary film on women and work, to premiere at the 1990 meeting of the Commission; (c) the co-production with other United Nations agencies of a film on women and literacy; (d) the distribution through United Nations information centres, in co-operation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, of a poster on the representation of women in parliaments around the world.

40. For International Women's Day, the Department focused on the situation of women in the United Nations, producing a photo exhibit and short video that were used in New York, Geneva and Vienna. The Department, both at Headquarters and through the United Nations information centres, continued to promote International Women's Day by widely disseminating relevant information material and brochures in English, French and Spanish, and by organizing commemorative events in a number of countries.

41. As part of its training programme for broadcasters and journalists from developing countries, the Department held in October 1989, in co-operation with the Graduate School of Journalism of Columbia University, New York, an international seminar on sex role stereotyping in the media. The one-day seminar focused on the portrayal of women in the media and its implications for the political, socio-economic and cultural situation of women.

42. The Department has continued to produce the weekly radio programme Women, covering all issues related to the status and advancement of women. The programme is distributed on tape and cassette to some 300 radio stations world-wide.