

## **International Indian Treaty Council**

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Dear Friends, Family and Supporters,

On behalf of the International Indian Treaty Council, I want to thank you for your friendship and solidarity this year. In the last year IITC partnered with Indigenous Peoples and Nations including the Standing Rock Sioux Nation, the Shiprock Chapter of the Navajo Nation, COPINH in Honduras and Yaqui Pueblos in Mexico to make urgent submissions to the United Nation Human Rights system, building international visibility, support and pressure for vital struggles.

Recent events and the US election have left many of us feeling concerned and uncertain. IITC remains determined to continue raising the voices of Indigenous Peoples facing urgent human rights violations and threats. Your support is more crucial now than ever.



Sharing a Story: These Yaqui children participated in IITC's human rights training on Environmental Health in Torim, Rio Yaqui Sonora in April 2016. Then Yaqui children in two elementary schools wrote letters to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child and the government of Mexico asking Mexico to stop importing banned pesticides and using them on the children in their communities. Their letters helped bring about a first-time day of discussion at the UN on September 23, 2016 on the impacts of environmental toxics on Children's Right to Health that included the voices of Indigenous children!

At this critical time, IITC needs your support to maintain the gains we have worked so hard to achieve for Indigenous Peoples. Please help us to continue our work for the recognition and protection of Indigenous Rights, Treaties, Traditional Cultures and Sacred Lands by making a year-end tax deductible donation. You can mail a check to IITC, 2940 16th St. Suite 305, San Francisco, CA, 94103 or make a secure on-line contribution by using the "Donate" button at <a href="http://www.iitc.org/support-our-work/">http://www.iitc.org/support-our-work/</a>. We also invite you to stay informed and engaged by subscribing to "IITC e-news" via our web page or by connecting with IITC on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr.

Thank you for supporting the rights of Indigenous Peoples. With best wishes and appreciation,

Andrea Carmen,

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