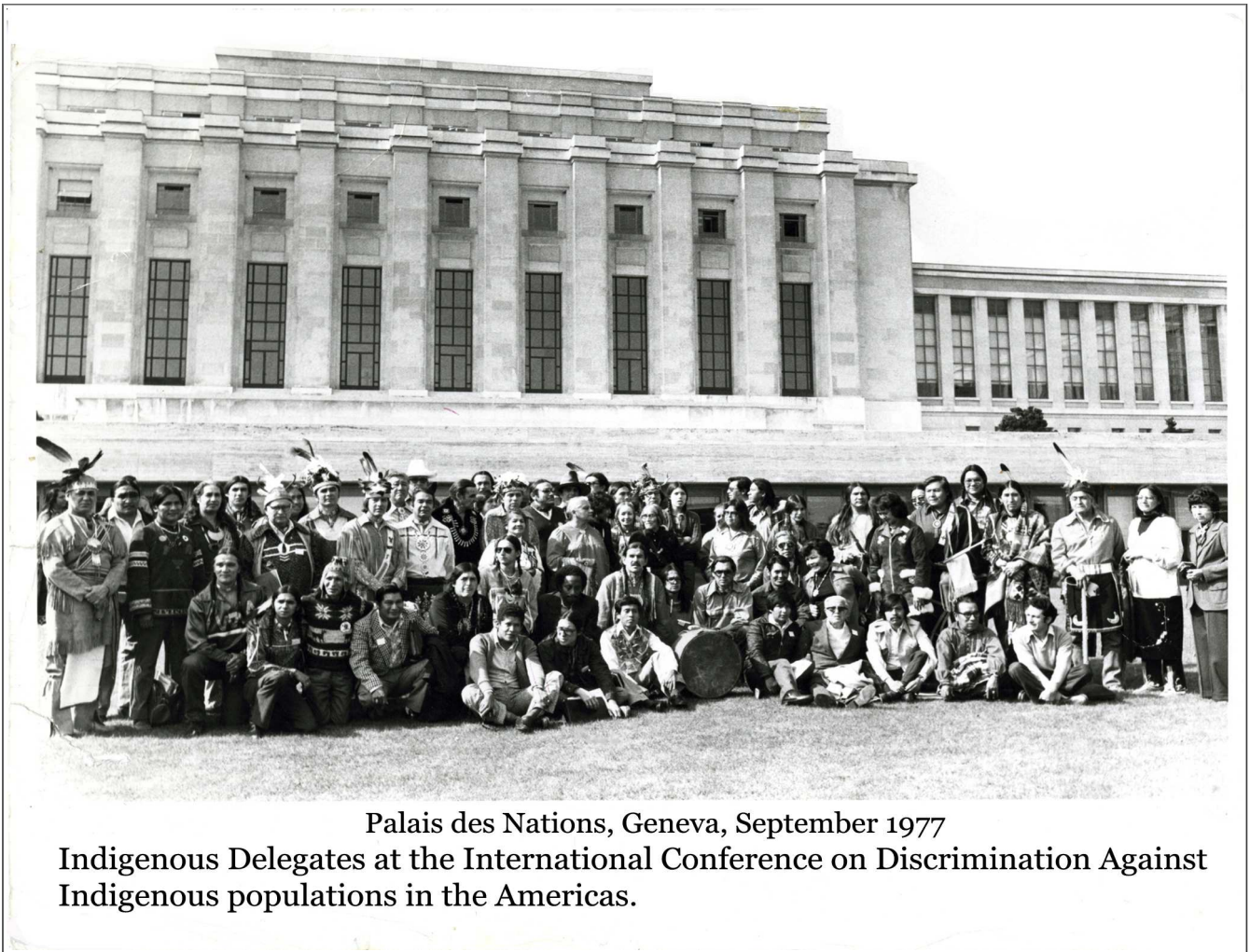


INVITATION TO THE SECOND SYMPOSIUM

« **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AT THE UNITED NATIONS : FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRST DELEGATES TO THE EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNGER GENERATIONS** »

16 - 19 June 2015

Room XIV, Palais des Nations, United Nations, Geneva

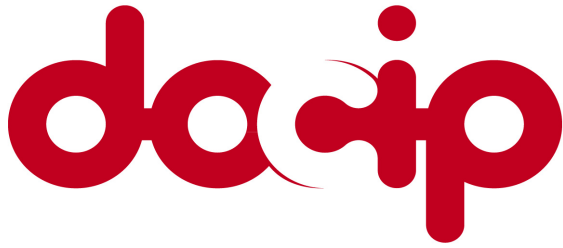


Palais des Nations, Geneva, September 1977

Indigenous Delegates at the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous populations in the Americas.

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In cooperation with the Indigenous Organizing Committee, Docip has the pleasure to invite you to the second Symposium, **Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations: From the Experience of the First Delegates to the Empowerment of Younger Generations**, which will take place from 16th to 19th of June 2015, at the United Nations (Room XIV) in Geneva.

The organization of this Symposium originates from a recommendation of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues of the United Nations¹ and follows a previous symposium held in September 2013. During the four days of the Symposium, about 20 First Indigenous delegates - most of whom participated in the first two Conferences on Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations² and did not come in 2013 - will recall their first steps in the international fora in a dialogue to transfer their experience to younger generations. This transfer will be videotaped by seven young Indigenous delegates, previously trained in the use of video, so that they can record themselves the testimony of the elders, during and after the Symposium, in Geneva and their regions.

The Symposium will also lay the foundation for an assessment of the 38 years of this international process and its impact at the local level. Other topics will be discussed such as sovereignty over natural resources, decolonization, perspectives and expectations of the new generation, future work with the UN, the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in 2014, the creation of an International Council of Indigenous Peoples.

The project is funded by the European Union and the NGO Inti Raymi Fund.

The Symposium will begin with an Official Opening Ceremony on June 16, from 11 am to 1 pm and will continue from 3 pm to 6 pm. The following days, the sessions will take place from 9 am to 1 pm and from 3 pm to 6 pm, until June 19.

¹ Recommendation 073 of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 8th session, May 19-29, 2009.

² International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas, Geneva, September 1977.
International Conference on Indigenous peoples and the Land, Geneva, September 1981

