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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Guatemalan solidarity work continues to grow around the country. Individuals and groups in numerous cities have sponsored a variety of activities to denounce the unceasing massacres by the Guatemalan government, to demand no U.S. aid, and to pledge support for the people's struggle for liberation. We decided at the last NISGUA regional coordinators meeting that we need a national publication to provide organizing ideas and to share experiences. Guatemala Network News represents the first issue of this monthly newsletter.

Guatemala Network News is your publication. It is to help serve your needs--to constantly provide new ideas and organizing experience from our network of committees and how this may apply to your local efforts in your community.

In order to make this organizing newsletter a success, we need your participation. We need reports of your activities, pictures of local events and suggestions on what kinds of organizing skills would be helpful to you--such as legislative or media work. Only through sharing ideas and increased coordination will we be able to build the effective network needed to block U.S. intervention and to provide real support to the Guatemalan people's struggle.



Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Quiche Indian and member of the Guatemalan Patriotic Unity Committee (CGUP), has been on the east coast since mid-May giving interviews to media, conducting intensive workshops for solidarity committees, speaking with congressional and State Department officials and speaking at public events. She has generated tremendous interest in the liberation struggle being waged by the Guatemalan people through the power of her personal testimony (brother, father and mother killed by the Army) and her experience as an organizer among Indian peasants and Christians. At a time when many in the U.S. are confused about the situation in Guatemala, she has brought clarity with her explanations of the massive participation in the popular revolutionary war and of the junta's attempts to exterminate the guerrilla movement's base (i.e. the people).



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