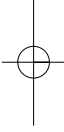


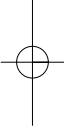
WOMEN WHO CARRIES THE SACRED HOOP

IN MEMORY OF INGRID WASHINAWATOK EL-ISSA (1957-1999)

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Ingrid Washinawatok El-Issa, a member of the Menominee Nation, was an activist, writer, spokeswoman, educator and a director of a philanthropic foundation who devoted her life to the cause of Indigenous Peoples around the world. In February 1999, Ingrid went to visit the Uw'a Indians of Colombia — Lahe'ena'a Gay and Terrence Freitas — in order to establish an Indigenous education program there. As Ingrid and her companions were leaving to return home, they were kidnapped and killed by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).



“Native peoples have an opportunity to provide leadership in breaking down the monopoly of the controlling nations and to push the United Nations towards truly becoming a forum for all the peoples of the world, a forum with an identity transcending the boundaries set by lines drawn on maps.”

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