

## **U.N. IN ACTION**

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## **ILO GLOBAL REPORT ON FORCED LABOUR**

<u>VIDEO</u> <u>AUDIO</u>

W/S FOREST, NARRATION

Deep in the heart of the Amazon Rain Forest,

WOODSMAN Isido

Isidoro Shahuano, leaves his mark – an X - on every tree he cuts down. Despite countless hours of labor, and the value of the tree's precious wood, Isidoro is condemned to live in

poverty. (15")

LOGGERS/ Over 33,000 people, mostly from native

CAMPSITE communities in the Peruvian Amazon...and a

third of this working force here...work in illegal

lumber camps...in subhuman conditions

according to reports by the International Labor

Organization. They're lured by recruiters who

use a method called "bonding"... creating a

vicious cycle of never ending debt. (21.5")

TUPUY: (In Spanish)

MARIO TUPUY ON CAMERA

"The employers who manage money take a motor, a shotgun, a stereo system and buy us off with them to go get wood." (13.5")

**TUPUY INTRO** 

**TUPUY ON CAMERA** 

FLUTE PLAYER/ **DANCERS** 

AMAZON RIVER/ LOGS

**LOGO** 

## NARRATION

Mario Tapuy, a Kukama native, recalls years of exploitation. (4.5")

TUPUY: (In Spanish)

"I got a sewing machine for my wife to be paid in wood. I worked, I got 120 logs and I'm still bonded. I once again had to become bonded for five more years." (25")

## **NARRATION**

The toll is enormous ... personally.... culturally ...and environmentally. Inhabitants – who often move camps to high regions in search of new trees - abandon traditional work and cultural practices. (13")

Indigenous groups struggle to break the cycle of forced indebtedness but for now, the Amazon river drags in its wake tree trunks felled by thousands of men condemned to work without freedom. (11")

This report was prepared by the International Labour Organization of the United Nations. (6")