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The Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent.

Statement as a speaker for the Latin America and the Caribbean on **24 November.**

Re: Support for 12th October as the International Day for Reparations.

My name is Rev. Buddy Aaron Larrier. In 1977 I was awakened to the reality of the world in which we live through vision given of a *New Political and Economic Order for the 21st century; New political awakening for Barbadians and other people of the Caribbean region; The acquisition of economic power of 'black people; The end of Apartheid in South Africa and of Global oppression of 'White Supremacy (Racism).*

In December 1989 I was a delegate representing the Methodist Church in England at an All Faith Conference during which it was proposed that the world population should not be allowed to increase to 6.5 billion people by the year 2000. After the conference on January 18, 1990, I was inspired to pen a proposal to over 150 world leaders and international organizations for **12th October to be a Universal Day of Hope for truth, justice, peace, healing, and reconciliation.**

Formal recognition for October 12 as a day of healing

In 1992, the city council of Berkeley, California, declare October 12 as a "Day of Solidarity with Indigenous People"; in 1995 a draft resolution for October 12 was presented the Barbados government, the same draft resolution was presented to the 2001 UN World Conference against Racism, and also to the 2002 follow-up Afrikan and Afrikan Descendants World Conference against Racism. On October 12, 2012 the Barbados Government established a National Task Force on Reparations; on October 12, 2013 the World Social Forum proclaimed October 12 as the International Day for Reparations; in 2014 the indigenous people of the Caribbean region formally acknowledged October 12 as Indigenous Peoples Day; on October 12, 2017 the CARICOM Reparations Commission proclaimed October 12 as Caribbean Holocaust Day.

These developments are clear indications that October 12, which had been used to glorify the atrocities of Columbus' legacy, is now being recognised as a very important date in the healing process. The Caribbean being the place where Columbus started his exploitation should be the place where the healing process begins. To this end, a resolution should now be tabled to the UN in support of the World Social Forum proclamation that October 12 be designated as the International Day for Reparations.

**In pursuit of noble goals: Historical Truth, Social Justice, World Peace, Global Harmony,
Bi-lateral Compassion, & Sustainable Reconciliation**