The presentation by Mr. Thomas Banyacya, the final indigenous speaker, was preceded by three
shouts by Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper of the Six Nations and first speaker of the day. The shouts
were a spiritual announcement to the Great Spirit of the presence of the people assembled
and the intention to give a message of spiritual importance.

Thomas then sprinkled corn meal next to the podium of the General Assembly and made a brief
remark in Hopi that translates as follows:

Hopi Spiritual leaders had an ancient prophecy that some day world leaders would gather in a
Great House of Mica with rules and regulations to solve world problems without war. I am
amazed to see the prophecy has come true and here you are today! But only a handful of
United Nations Delegates are present to hear the Motee Sinom (Hopi for First People) from
around the world who spoke here today.

My name is Banyacya of the Wolf, Fox and Coyote clan and I am a member of the Hopi
sovereign nation. Hopi in our language means a peaceful, kind, gentle, truthful people. The
traditional Hopi follows the spiritual path that was given to us by Massau’u the Great Spirit. We
made a sacred covenant to follow his life plan at all times, which includes the responsibility of
taking care of this land and life for his divine purpose. We have never made treaties with any
foreign nation including the United States, but for many centuries we have honored this sacred
agreement. Our goals are not to gain political control, monetary wealth nor military power, but
rather to pray and to promote the welfare of all living beings and to preserve the world in a natural
way. We still have our ancient sacred stone tablets and spiritual religious societies which are
the foundations of the Hopi way of life. Our history says our white brother should have retained
those same sacred objects and spiritual foundations.

In 1948, all traditional Hopi spiritual leaders met and spoke of things I felt strongly were of great
importance to all people. They selected four interpreters to carry their message of which I am
the only one still living today. At that time I was given a sacred prayer feather by the spiritual
leaders. I made a commitment to carry the Hopi message of peace and deliver warnings from
prophecies known since the time the previous world was destroyed by flood and our ancestors
came to this land.

My mission was also to open the doors of this great House of Mica to native peoples. The Elders
said to knock four times and this commitment was fulfilled when I delivered a letter and the
sacred prayer feather I had been given to John Washburn in the Secretary Generals office in
October 1991. I am bringing part of the Hopi message to you here today. We have only ten
minutes to speak and time is late so I am making my statement short.

At the meeting in 1948, Hopi leaders 80, 90, and even 100 years old explained that the creator
made the first world in perfect balance where humans spoke a common language, but humans
turned away from moral and spiritual principles. They misused their spiritual powers for selfish
purposes. They did not follow nature’s rules. Eventually, their world was destroyed by sinking
of land and separation of land which you would call major earthquakes. Many died and only a
small handful survived.

Then this handful of peaceful people came into the second world. There they repeated their
mistakes and the world was destroyed by freezing which you call the great Ice Age.

The few survivors entered the third world. That world lasted a long time and as in previous
worlds, the people spoke one language. The people invented many machines and conveniences
of high technology some of which have not been seen yet in this age. They even had spiritual
powers that they used for good. They gradually turned away from natural laws and pursued only
material things and finally only gambling while they ridiculed spiritual principles. No one stopped
them from this course and the world was destroyed by the great flood that many nations still recall
in their ancient history or in their religions.

The elders said again only a small group escaped and came to this fourth world where we now
live. Our world is in terrible shape again even though the Great Spirit gave us different languages
and sent us to the four corners of the world and told us to take care of the Earth and all that is
in it.

This Hopi ceremonial rattle represents Mother Earth. The line running around it is a time line and
indicates that we are the final days of the prophecy. What have you as individuals, as nations
and as the world body been doing to take care of this Earth? In the earth today, humans poison
their own food, water and air with pollution. Many of us including children are left to starve.
Many wars are still being fought. Greed and concern for material things is a common disease.

In this Western hemisphere, our homeland, many original native people are landless, homeless,
starving and have no medical help.

The Hopi know humans would develop many powerful technologies that would be abused. In this
century we have seen the First World War and the Second World War in which the predicted
gourd of ashes which you call the atomic bomb fell from the sky with great destruction. Many
thousands of people were destroyed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

For many years there has been great fear and danger of World War Three. The Hopi believe the
Persian Gulf War was the beginning of World War Three but it was stopped and the worst
weapons of destruction were not used. This is now a time to weigh the choices for our future.
We do have a choice. If you, the nations of this Earth create another great war, the Hopi believe
we humans will burn ourselves to death with ashes. That’s why the spiritual Elders stress
strongly that the United Nations fully open the door for native spiritual leaders to speak as soon
as possible.

Nature itself does not speak with a voice that we can easily understand. Neither can the animals
and birds we are threatening with extinction talk to us. Who in this world can speak for nature
and the spiritual energy that creates and flows through all life? In every continent are human...