

FOREWORD

In order to provide an international structure for the humane and scientific study of peoples, problems, and issues in the world's developing countries, with the ultimate goal of improving quality of life, the late Dr. Harold Isaacs, Professor Emeritus of History at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, GA, founded the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), Inc., in 1983. ATWS is now the largest professional Third World Studies organization in the world with a global membership and chapters in South Asia and Africa.

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