

Item 6

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STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE WORKING
GROUP INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN ITS REPORT
TO THE SUB-COMMISSION.

1. THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN THE CHARTER OF
THE U.N., THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, THE INTERNATIONAL BILL OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, THE DECLARATION ON THE
ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE
AND OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGION
OR BELIEF, STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR
THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS (RESOLUTION
663 C (XXIV) OF 31 JULY 1957 AND
2076 (LXII) OF 13 MAY 1977 - ^{APPROVED} ~~ADOPTED~~
BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL),
AND THE DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION
OF ALL PERSONS FROM BEING SUBJECTED TO
TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR
DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT
ARE THE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS
THAT APPLY TO THE ISSUES THAT WE
RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT TO YOU AT THIS TIME.

2. AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, WE RECOGNIZE OUR
NATURAL AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS TO PROTECT

OF OUR NATIONS FROM OUTSIDE AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS AND ACTIONS. THE AGGRESSORS IMPOSE THEIR MILITARY, JUDICIAL AND PENAL INSTITUTIONS UPON US, IN AN ATTEMPT TO "NEUTRALIZE" OR DESTROY US TO EXPLOIT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. AS A DIRECT RESULT, WE OFTEN FIND OURSELVES DENIED DUE PROCESS OF LAW IN THE COURTS AND BRUTAL, INHUMAN TREATMENT BY PENAL INSTITUTIONS. THESE ATTACKS ARE DIRECT VIOLATIONS OF OUR NATURAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS, TO WHICH INTERNAL REMEDIES ARE NOT POSSIBLE.

3. EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION IS AVAILABLE TO VERIFY THESE CONTENTIONS, AND ALL OF THESE VIOLATIONS ARE EMBODIED ~~IN~~ IN THE EXAMPLE OF THE LONG-STANDING IMPRISONMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS MAN, LEONARD PELTIER.

LEONARD PELTIER IS PRESENTLY IMPRISONED IN MARION FEDERAL PENITENTIARY IN ILLINOIS (USA) FOLLOWING AN ILLEGAL CONVICTION IN 1977 FOR ALLEGEDLY AIDING AND ABETTING IN THE DEATH OF TWO FBI AGENTS, HOWEVER, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT HAS NEVER BEEN ~~PROVEN~~ ^{PROVEN} THAT LEONARD KILLED THE

LAWS, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HAVE BEEN VIOLATED ~~INDISTINGUISHABLE~~ IN ORDER TO CONVICT THIS MAN. THIS PATTERN OF PERSUCUTION IS OBVIOUS AND BEEN UTILIZED IN NUMEROUS SITUATIONS WHERE HUMAN BEINGS ARE TRYING TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENT, IN HIS SITUATION, WAS A RELIGIOUS FAST-FOR-LIFE, UNDERTAKEN BY LEONARD, STANDING DEER & ALBERT GARZA ON APRIL 10, 1984 - JULY 1984, TO BRING ATTENTION TO DENIAL OF RELIGIOUS RIGHTS AND BRUTAL PRISON CONDITIONS.

4. AT THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY CONFERENCE, RESOLUTIONS ~~WERE~~ ^{WERE} PASSED IN SUPPORT OF ~~AND LEONARD PELTIER~~ INDIGENOUS PRISONERS AND LEONARD PELTIER. THE PELTIER CASE HAS ALSO RECEIVED ~~ENDORSEMENT~~ SUPPORT FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, 50 US CONGRESSMAN, NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE RECIEPIENT (4 - FROM THE SOVIET UNION), AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF ^{THE} NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

WE SINCERELY HOPE, THAT THE WORKING GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS