

Human Rights: Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous Peoples

We want to thank the Creator, Bik'ehgo'ihí'nan, and the Mother Earth for the Lenape People whose land we are currently on, the People who continue to resist genocide, racism and occupation of these lands, in defense of Mother Earth and the Creator. We also thank and support all Indigenous People who continue to struggle against all odds because of their beliefs. We also thank James Anaya and the members of the Permanent Forum who have given a major part of their lives to stand for what they believe are right for all peoples in a broken system.

The People's communities and nations recommends that the Permanent Forum conduct studies on the violations of human rights against Indigenous Peoples in the United States, Canada and Mexico specifically on genocide, ethnocide, financial marginalization and other crimes against humanity that have been perpetrated by these member states, historical and to the present. We reiterate our recommendation for the Permanent Forum to conduct studies on the violation of Indigenous Peoples human rights -including the issue of Indigenous Peoples whose territories have been divided by colonial governments, such as the situation of The People along the Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Mexico border. And we ask the Permanent Forum and the special rapporteur to address the deliberate acts of genocide with use of agent orange along our rivers and streams in the name of de-foliation, the dumping of lead base paint and other toxic materials by corporations to poison the Ramapough Lenape, the intentional desecration of spiritual centers and powers of areas that multi-national extractive industries and the US gov't perpetrates, and the violations of human rights against our Indigenous LGBT peoples and communities, who have been demonized by these institutions by the Church within the capacity of the Doctrine of Discovery and the continued marginalization, rape, abduction into the sex trade of our women.

The United States facilitated the exploitation of The People's land and resources, attempted to destroy our culture, and irreparably harmed our family, spiritual, social, economic and political structure. The People's history of forced relocation, physical separation and deprivation of our lands and religions has damaged our political, economic and spiritual institutions. The United States has yet to provide redress to The People for the gross human rights violations, broken treaties and genocide which we have suffered at their hands. To date, none of our traditional lands, territories and natural resources that were confiscated by the United States and Mexico have been returned to us. Nor full reparations made for their actions.

Federally recognized nations have taken on the characteristics of their captors. These Nations ignored their own history by denying many admittance into the tribe. Some federally recognized Nations have gone as far as to disenroll citizens. Although there are many Indigenous Peoples groups and bands that have been relocated to various federally recognized land bases outside their original homeland, the majority of the The People are without a territory and many dwell in urban centers throughout the United States and Mexico and who continue to be taxed out of their historic lands.

Colonial forces have divided the original inhabitants of this land, with the promise of being their caregiver, only to regard them as less than human, in their own territory. Since the beginning of colonialism Indigenous Peoples culture were propagandized by false, fictitious tales of savagery, paganism, and paternalistic policies. To this day Member States continue to perpetuate systematic colonialism by continuing to impose political and socio-economic policies upon Indigenous Peoples designed to sever a people from their land. Denying basic human rights by extinguishing Indigenous People's claims to aboriginal land title, destroying indigenous language and culture, demonizing indigenous spiritual and religious systems, and eliminating economic and trade systems is criminal. Colonialism has always and continues to promote genocide, ethnocide, poverty, aboriginal land encroachment, and forced dysfunctional socio-economic policies. Colonialism targets, victimizes, and molests Indigenous Peoples worldwide for their territories, lands and natural resources. Although colonial imperialistic regimes like the United States have their own mechanisms and laws for Indigenous Peoples to address their concerns, the Indigenous Peoples concerns are usually ignored under these systems. Time has shown this to be a show whose ending is always the decimation of a people. Modern border barricades erected by the United States government across our homelands continue to threaten as an act of war against the culture, spirituality, economy, trade, and social practices of Indigenous Peoples.

In conclusion, Indigenous Peoples and their indigenous governments must never become comfortable until we are a voice of one people. The time has come for the Indigenous Peoples of the world to unify in as a force with a common struggle. This unification can only be achieved through spirituality understanding and love. Indigenous Peoples see the changes in mother earth and together we must take action to protect and nourish her. We can no longer wait and play a part in a predetermined system. We ask governments to hear us out and stand with us. It is our responsibility to protect this earth that we live on and with regardless of whether or not our perceived masters gives their blessings we have permission from States. Our permission comes from the Creator or Life Giver, the spirits, and our ancestors who have struggled and died for our traditional lands, and this is why we were created. Indigenous Peoples worldwide can tangibly see and feel, particularly with respect to the earth's climatic changes, will create the greatest genocide mankind has seen. This genocide will be one that is caused not by any government or peoples, but by the mother earth herself. That is why unification must come through our spirituality, understanding and love. We must stand together in our inherent spiritual and cultural beliefs so we can guarantee the existence of the human race and life itself for millennia to come. This is our Mandate and it comes from Above, remember this.

Thank you!