



International Indian Treaty Council

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**REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 13TH - 14TH, 2014
UPDATES AND NEW REPORTS DUE FEBRUARY 14TH, 2014**

Due to the US government shutdown in October, the review of the United States by the UN Human Rights Committee (HRC) scheduled for October 17th and 18th in Geneva was postponed at the request of the US. The HRC's review of the US compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) is rescheduled for March 13th and 14th, 2014 during the HRC's 110th session.

The ICCPR is a multilateral legally binding Human Rights Treaty adopted by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on December 16, 1966. The US is one of 167 "State parties" which have ratified the Covenant. All State parties are required to undergo periodic reviews by the Human Rights Committee assessing their compliance with the Covenant, usually every 4 - 6 years.

On September 13th, 2013 the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) submitted a Consolidated Indigenous Peoples Alternative ("Shadow") Report for the US review. 28 Indigenous Nations, Tribes, Treaty Councils, organizations, Community groups and Traditional Cultural Societies co-submitted and/or made contributions to the report. The Indigenous co-submitters are calling on the HRC to hold the US accountable for its ongoing human rights violations including desecration of Indigenous Peoples' sacred places and failure to implement the right to Free Prior and Informed Consent.

For these and other Indigenous Peoples, as well as civil society organizations, who already submitted information for the US review, the HRC will accept **short updates submitted by February 14th, 2014.** Updates should be 2 -3 pages maximum for each report, including consolidated reports, if there are significant developments or new information since the report was originally submitted. IITC will contact the co-submitters to develop a consolidated update submission in mid-January 2014.

The HRC will also accept new Alternative or "Shadow" Reports, preferably under 20 pages in length, also by February 14th, 2014. You will need to provide 20 "hard copies" to the HRC Secretariat in Geneva by mail or hand-delivered by this due date. IITC will be pleased to provide additional information to assist you with this process upon request.

The Consolidated Indigenous Peoples' Alternative Report is posted, along with the US country report and other Alternative Reports, on the HRC web site, <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/> and also on the IITC's web site, www.treatycouncil.org. The HRC's Concluding Observations addressing the US will also be posted on the HRC web page after the review. For more information contact: IITC Legal Counsel Danika Littlechild: danika@treatycouncil.org, IITC Executive Director Andrea Carmen: andrea@treatycouncil.org, or Consulting Attorney June L. Lorenzo: junellorenzo@aol.com.