



International Indian Treaty Council



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UNITED STATES COMPLIANCE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS TREATY NOW UNDER REVIEW BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

March 11th, 2014, Geneva: The official review of the United States' compliance with the **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)** will take place on **March 13 and 14, 2014, in Geneva, Switzerland.** The United Nations Human Rights Committee (HRC) is the body charged with periodically reviewing the compliance of all 167 States which have ratified the ICCPR, including the US. The last review of the US compliance with this legally binding international Treaty took place in 2006 .

International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) as well as other Indigenous Peoples' delegations are in Geneva to attend preparatory briefing sessions and lobby Committee members in anticipation of the official Review. Representatives of the Havasupai Nation, Navajo Nation and Chickaloon Village Traditional Council are credentialed to participate by the IITC, along with IITC Legal Counsel Danika Littlechild, Ermineskin Cree Nation. Other Indigenous Peoples' delegations participating in the review include representatives of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, Indigenous World Association and Laguna Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment.

The Review can be viewed via live webcast on the United Nations Web TV (official broadcast), <http://webtv.un.org/> or via the Centre for Civil and Political Rights webpage (click "Watch live"), <http://www.treatybodywebcast.org/>. The review will take place in 2 separate 3-hours sessions. It will begin at 3 pm Geneva time (10 am EST, 7 am PST, etc.) on Thursday, March 13th , and continue at 10 am Geneva time (5 am EST, 2 am PST) on Friday, March 14th.

In September 2013, IITC submitted an Indigenous Peoples' Consolidated Alternative ("Shadow") Report to the HRC, and provided updates in February 2014. These documents are available along with the US Country Report and other Alternative Reports on the Human Rights Committee web site, <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/>. When completed, the Committee's Concluding Observations regarding the US will also be posted. The Indigenous Peoples' Report is also available on IITC's web site, www.treatycouncil.org.

28 Indigenous Nations, Tribes, Treaty Councils, organizations, community groups and Traditional Cultural Societies were co-submitters and/or made contributions to the Indigenous Peoples' Consolidated Report. Based on specific questions directed to the US by the Committee, the co-submitters addressed the ongoing lack of protection by the US for Indigenous Peoples' sacred areas, religious and cultural practices, and its failure to implement the right to Free Prior and Informed Consent.

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