

Pronounced "hoyt," Huy means "see you again/we never say goodbye" in the Coast Salish language.

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## **VIA WEB POSTING**

Attn: Indigenous Peoples/Native Nations of the United States

In Relation to the United States' Combined 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Periodic Reports Report to U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Re: American Indigenous Prisoners' Religious Rights

Dear Tribal Leaders:

We are honored that in addition to the National Congress of American Indians, Native American Rights Fund and American Civil Liberties Union, the likes of the Round Valley Indian Tribes, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Passamaquoddy Criminal Justice and Healing Commission and Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation signed on to the accompanying joint report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The report concerns the United States' ongoing violations of indigenous prisoners' religious freedoms and the United States' failure to fully implement the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, among various other international human and indigenous rights norms, on state and local levels.

Time did not allow formal outreach to Native America in advance of our original submission by today's deadline. Still, we welcome other Native Nations, inter-tribal associations and indigenous rights advocacy groups to sign on to the report. If your Nation or group would like to join the report, please write or email us by Noon PST, Friday, August 2, 2014, and we will include you in a supplemental submission to the Committee that we intend to submit by close of business that day.

Thank you for your time and attention to the religious plight of our relatives in Iron Houses throughout the United States.

Sincerely,

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