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Resolution on Leonard Peltier
Submitted by the Commission on Prisoners' Rights

Whereas, the International Indian Treaty Council has consistently continued to support Leonard Peltier, his human rights and his immediate release;

Whereas, a new crisis situation has arisen in which Peltier has and may be successively transferred to different prisons without the knowledge of his Defense Committee, Family, and attorney and held in solitary confinement indefinitely without his basic human and prisoner rights;

Whereas, the International Indian Treaty Council has taken the case of Leonard Peltier to the international arena, including the United Nations Commission on Human Rights as recently as July 2005; and

Whereas, the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee respects and appreciates this work of the International Indian Treaty Council; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the International Indian Treaty Council reaffirms its support of Leonard Peltier and will continue its work in support of his freedom on the international level; and that it will continue to appeal to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, its Working Group on Arbitrary Detentions, Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Human Rights, The Special Representatives of the Secretary General on Human Rights Defenders, members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous issues, the Office of Multi-Lateral Affairs, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor of the United States State Department, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the United States Bureau of Prisons and any other National and International Agencies it deems useful to safeguard his human and prisoner rights; and

Be it further resolved that the International Indian Treaty Council will have a direct and structured process of communication with Leonard Peltier and his Defense Committee where the two entities will report to each other on a regular basis; that Leonard Peltier personally and through his designated representatives to be determined by Leonard Peltier, will have an active role in the International Indian Treaty Council's work at the UN on behalf of Leonard Peltier; and all claiming to represent Leonard Peltier will be verified by Leonard Peltier personally and by his Defense Committee Headquarters wherever they may be located; and

Be it finally resolved that this resolution shall be the policy of the International Indian Treaty Council.

Adopted by consensus August 7th, 2005