

International Human Rights Association of American Minorities

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Intervention for Consideration of USA UPR outcomes

Thank you Mr. President,

We thank the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, who, during the Universal Periodic Review of the United States of America, requested in 176.325, that the US "Respond to the suggestion made by the special procedures in paragraph 69 (n) of document A/68/284 regarding cases of Alaska, Hawaii and Dakota."

This query suggests the UN's decolonization process ought to be available to Alaska, Hawaii and Dakota

By failing to take Pakistan's request into consideration, it appears that the USA has again dodged the issue, and will continue to do so with impunity if the UN Human Rights Council allows the US to sidestep the issue.

Over the years the Koani Foundation and many others have reported persistent human rights violations afflicting the original inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands...violations caused by the prolonged, blatant, illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands by the United States of America.

Paragraph 69 (n) refers to decolonization; specifically that the General Assembly provide the Committee of 24 (Decolonization Committee) with the latitude to carry out its mandate This would be critical to the realization of self-determination for the Hawaiian people.

The United States' equivocating and avoidance of the question tells us that for Hawaii to receive relief, the issues of self-determination need to be examined and pursued by this body. We call on the Human Rights Council to reinstate the topic of self-determination as an agenda item.

I thank you Mr. Chair

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