



Indian Council of South America (CISA)
International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM)
Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition (IPNC)* Koani Foundation*

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14:00 – 15:30

Room XII

Self-determination and Human Rights
– Alaska – Kashmir – Hawaii - Dakotas – Indigenous and others

The right to self-determination is a right of peoples under the Charter of the United Nations; it is in Article I of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and is in other international instruments. In the institution building process for the creation of the Human Rights Council, the right to self-determination is in the first paragraph of General Assembly resolution 60/251, although it was removed as an agenda item of the Human Rights Council. The principle is also supported in resolutions supporting the Special Rapporteurs and Independent Experts of the Human Rights Council. It is already recognized that the denial of the right to self-determination is the root cause of many human rights violations. The Independent Expert of a Democratic and Equitable International Order has recommended that self-determination be placed as a sub-Item to one of the existing agendas of the Human Rights Council. The Independent Expert recommended that a number of cases be reviewed by the United Nations Decolonization Committee with a view towards addressing such cases. Many international NGO's support this initiative. We are presenting a petition to draw attention and support for addressing the right of self-determination for many peoples.

Panelists

Ambassador Ronald Barnes -- Moderator - Chair and Director of Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition; Head of Mission in Geneva for the Alaska decolonization movement.

Professor Alfred de Zayas – Independent Expert for the Democratic and International Order for the Human Rights Council, former Secretary of the Human Rights Committee

Barrister Majid Trambo - is the Permanent Representative for International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM) and an advocate for Kashmir.

H. E. Leon Kaulahao Siu – Minister of Foreign Affairs and spokesman for the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Tomas Condori – Permanent Representative – Indian Council of South America - CISA

This will be followed by a dialogue from the floor.

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***These are supporting non-ECOSOC NGOs Light Refreshments will be served**

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