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I. TITLE: List of Issues and Recommendations Submitted by Black Belt Coalition for Human Rights: Criminal Justice Transformation Subcommittee

United States Compliance with the Comprehensive Implementation of and Follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and Goals of the International Decade for People of African Descent for access to justice.

II. Reporting Organization and Individuals

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III. Introduction and Issue Summary

This is the first submission of the Black Belt Coalition for Human Rights: Criminal Justice Transformation Subcommittee (CJTS) to the Permanent Forum for People of African Descent and the United Nations Human Rights Remedies apparatus. The United States of America has committed crimes against the humanity of Afrikan descendant peoples. We seek redress, assistance, by the United Nations, because its founding mandate recognizes the Right of Self-Determination. The denial of this Human Right has resulted in conditions of violations of New Afrikan sovereignty and the imprisonment of those who struggle to secure the human rights for all peoples. Further, it and its subsidiaries are now engaging artificial intelligence (AI) technology to enhance these violative practices and shore up the carceral state and mass incarceration of people of Afrikan descent. Below are some of the issues requiring resolution and our recommendations of corrective action.

Federal, state and local governments collectively deploy 18,000 law enforcement agencies in disproportionately target people of African descent, many times in military fashion. The U.S. currently spends over \$100 billion a year on policing and another \$80 billion a year on jails and prisons. Capitalism feeds off state cash bond system. The federal pretrial detention without bond increases the mass incarceration of the working poor. These institutions destroy our communities, culturally oppress people of African descent, and institute a system of modernized slavery as inmates are paid nothing or close to nothing for their labor. At the same time they pay premiums rates for phone calls, and high-calorie-low-nutrition food. These are the same institutions that jail our most conscious activists and revolutionaries, and deny them political prisoner status.

We are calling for and introducing state, local, and federal legislation that works to create systems that truly keep Black people safe. We call for public safety legislation, tailored by local communities, and advanced through legislation at the federal level as prescribed by the BREATHE Act framework, <https://breatheact.org/> and <https://breatheact.org/the-peoples-response-act/>. Specifically, Divest Federal Resources from policing and incarceration & ending federal criminal-legal

system harms, including the 1994 Crime Bill, the 1033 Program, use of AI for bail and sentencing, and reparations for the War on Drugs, Invest in new approaches to community safety utilizing funding incentives, Allocate new money to build healthy, sustainable & equitable communities for all people and, Hold officials accountable & enhance self-determination of Black communities.

Further, that the Federal government establish Truth and Reconciliation apparatus to release all presently exiled and incarcerated COINTELPRO/Civil Rights Era human rights defenders and activists, provide for acceptance and review of their claims, along with those of persons and heirs previously incarcerated, and that the federal government incentivize state and local governments to do the same.

Since this country's inception, there have been named and unnamed wars on our communities. We demand an end to state-sponsored surveillance, criminalization, incarceration, detention, deportation, and killing of our people, <https://m4bl.org/policy-platforms/the-preamble> . .

IV. List of Issues

ISSUE A: The United States ignores New Afrikan peoples' right of self-determination/National Independence.

ISSUE B: The United States in its establishment of itself has violated the sovereignty of nations creating internal colonies within its boundaries.

ISSUE C: The United States of America has profited from the kidnapping, enslavement, murder and torture, i.e. Genocide, of Afrikan populations from Afrika and its diaspora.

ISSUE D: 1) The United States illegally criminalizes poverty resulting from its system of white supremacy, capitalism and patriarchy.

2) The United States illegally imprisoned persons who challenge the socio, political and economic systems and ignores and delegitimizes the political issues argued.

3) The United States system of policing and incarceration was established to enslave nonwhite populations in furtherance of capitalist enterprise.

ISSUE E: 1) United States systems of incarceration does not recognize and honor the basic human rights of mental and physical health of the incarcerated.

2) The judicial system (capitalist component) of the United States values property over human life, thus creating mass incarceration which affects every segment of human society and community.

ISSUE F : There is not an independent check/balance system that assures that compliances from the United States.

ISSUE G: Capitalism has played a major role in building the system of slavery in the United States, including maintaining the oppression and exploitation of people of Afrikan descent and their resources after the abolition of its chattel slavery.

V. U.S. Government Response to UN and Regional Human Rights Bodies

While the United States government The Department of State Promotes the International **Decade for People of African Descent**, in the Western Hemisphere, claims to "promote" the Decade <https://2009-2017.state.gov/p/wha/rls/fs/2016/264204.htm> , <https://2009-2017.state.gov/p/wha/rt/social/index.htm> and facilitated Justin Hansford's appointment to the Forum, <https://www.state.gov/the-election-of-justin-hansford-to-the-permanent-forum-on-people-of-african-descent/> , <https://www.state.gov/justin-hansford-u-s->

[nominee-for-election-to-the-permanent-forum-on-people-of-african-descent-2022-2024/](#) , it has not taken any meaningful action to realize its goals, institute public awareness, education, or remediation of disparities in the criminal punishment system.

Further, we are reminded that the United States, lead by Secretary of State Colin Powell, walked out of the 2001 World Conference Against Racism (WCAR 2001) and discounted it as “anti-semetic” when the State of Israel was criticized for human rights violations against the Palestinian people. WCAR 2001 produced The Durban Declaration and Programme of Action on which the Decade is based.

Moreover, The United States has yet to comply with treaty review concerns under the “Campaign to Put Imprisoned/Exiled COINTELPRO/Civil Rights Era Activists on the Global Human Rights Agenda,” 2010 – 2016, lead by Efia Nwangaza, Malcolm X Center for Self Determination, the United States. During the November 2010 Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the United States called for the release of all imprisoned U. S. political activists; six of the historic 228 Recommendations referred to U.S. held political activists, particularly Recommendations 92-153 – 154. Accountability for violation of ICCPR Article 7, as well as The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT). CAT Articles 4, 15, 16 and 1; Article 7 (protection from torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and medical neglect). August 14th, 2014, UN CERD Committee Member Patricia Nozipho January-Bardill specifically asked the U.S. government if it knew of and what it was going to do about, then, "more than 20 civil rights era political activists and human rights defenders from 1960's. The official report directed the USA to answer in its subsequent report. It has not done so.

VI. Recommended Questions to United States

A. Self Determination is an internationally acknowledged human right, clearly defined and outlined, written in the Charter of the United Nations and numerous treaties and declarations. Why does the United States of America continue to violate the sovereignty of its 16 acknowledged territories and the internal colonies of New Afrika (USA Black Belt South), Aztlan, and Hawaii, while actively supporting Ukraine and Israel (illegal settler state) for example?

B. When will the United States establish a commission to study the impact of its over 400 years of conscious and active commodification/trading, trafficking, enslavement, exploitation, terrorization of the USA enslaved Afrikans, accept survivor/descendant defined multi-factored Reparatory Justice, and soon after pay the transformative multi-factored debts owed?

C. Will the United States establish a National Truth and Reconciliation Commission to address the human rights abuses and violations against currently and formerly imprisoned and exiled COINTELPRO/Civil Rights Era political activists/defenders and facilitate their immediate, unconditional release and multi-faceted repair and compensation?

VII. Suggested Recommendations

Recommendation A: Consistent with the United Nation's Charter and its statues/treaties recognizing a peoples' right to self-determination, establish a commission to supervise and monitor a plebiscite for the New Afrikan/black population residing in the United States of America.

Recommendation B: Consistent with the decolonization processes and commissions established by the United Nations, create a forum to recognize independence movements (and their representative organizations, (e.g. the New Afrikan Independence Movement,, American Indian Movement, the Socialist Reunification Movement of Mexico, the Puerto Rican Independence Movement, etc.) with the objective to recognize their sovereignty over their political and socio-economic destinies.

Recommendation C: Move discussion of Afrikan peoples within the United States out of

the realm of US-based human rights violations and issues and onto the world stage understanding New Afrikan/Descendants of Enslaved Afrikans peoples as still-colonized/neo-colonized subject of the United States.

Recommendation D: Establish a National Truth and Reconciliation Commission to address the human rights abuses and violations against imprisoned and exiled COINTELPRO/Civil Rights Era political activists and facilitate their immediate, unconditional release and compensation of all political prisoners, prisoners of war (representatives of the legitimate anti-colonial movements) and political exiles. Abolish the United State Penal System.

Recommendation E: Ending felony disenfranchisement, humanize prison conditions, and end mass incarceration and form a United Nation Committee to research the impact of incarceration on families.

Recommendation F: United Nations to monitor (check/balance) on United States compliance on all recommendations and directives.

Recommendation G: The United Nations to form a Committee around the impact of racial capitalism on the lives of people of Afrikan descent.

Recommendation H: The United Nations to establish a forum to fully examine the gross inequity globally, created by imperialism, colonialism, capitalism, sexism and all other oppressions and exploitations, with the intention of challenging all systems and institutions supporting and maintaining them.

Recommendation I: The Human Rights Council, the Committee on Decolonization, UNESCO and all relevant U.N. formations must address the numerous acts Genocide in all of its forms by the United States.

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