

## **THREE TREATY REPORTING PROJECT RESOLUTION**

### **WHEREAS:**

1. The United States has ratified three United Nation treaties, the Convention on Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD), the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT), and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR);
2. A treaty is the supreme law of the land under the U.S. Constitution, and these treaties are mechanisms to better enforcing human rights for all;
3. The so-called “war on terror” by the U.S. Government, assisted by many local government agencies, is causing massive human rights violations throughout virtually every community in the U.S; and,
4. Since 1992, the Meiklejohn Institute, closely aligned with the National Lawyers Guild, has integrated into all of its legal work the language and reporting processes of the three UN Committees on CERD, CAT, and ICCPR.

### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The National Lawyers Guild supports efforts in all cities, counties, and states to send reports to the United States State Department for submission to the three Treaty Reporting Committees;

Members, committees, projects and chapters of the NLG are encouraged to submit these reports to United States human rights networks and to the committees for consideration in Geneva in March 2008.

The NLG will send copies of this resolution to the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the chairs of the three committees, and the United States State Department.

The NLG and its chapters will cooperate in its function as part of a civil society and with other NGOs to ensure that the United States government meets all its reporting requirements.

Implementation: The NO along with MCLI, will assume a leadership role in encouraging and assisting chapters, committees, projects and members in accomplishing this and learning how to do this.

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