



Indigenous Solidarity Coalition @ Brock

Joint Statement: Indigenous Solidarity Coalition @ Brock, CUPE 4207 and Supporters of Haudenosaunee Right to Hunt

WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY with all Indigenous Land defenders, including the Wet'suwe'ten to resist colonial occupation (of) and forced relocation (from) their traditional unceded lands.

WE SUPPORT Canada's implementation of the **United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Peoples**, and the signed obligations Canada has made, such as the **UN Declaration of Human Rights** and the **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**, and the **International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)**. These treaties and covenants prohibit many of the actions that Canada has displayed in the past few weeks.

WE URGE the Canadian Government to look to its own **Charter of Rights (Section 35)**, and the Supreme Court decisions upholding Aboriginal title including: *Delgamuukw vs. British Columbia*, in which the Wet'suwe'ten People were defendants. The court held that the province does not have the power to extinguish Aboriginal Rights, neither directly (because of section 91(24) of the **Constitution Act, 1867** nor indirectly through laws of general applicability (because they could not indicate clear and plain intent).

WE DEMAND the Canadian Government listen to the requests of the **UN Committee on the elimination of Racial Discrimination** and immediately:

- Withdraw the RCMP from Wet'suwe'ten territory and prohibit the use or force or lethal weapons against them (along with associated security and policing services)
- Suspend work on the Coastal GasLink pipeline until free, prior and informed consent is obtained from Indigenous peoples.

WE CALL ON all others to condemn this state violence against Indigenous peoples and stand with the Wet'suwe'ten in any manner they choose.