

# THE PERMANENT PEOPLES' TRIBUNAL

*The Permanent Peoples' Tribunal (PPT) was formed in 1979 as the successor to the Bertrand Russell War Crimes Tribunal on Latin America. The PPT is an independent forum that examines violations of the rights of peoples, and suggests remedies for such violations. It is composed of over 60 members who are eminent jurists, writers, states, people, artists and scientists from all parts of the world (see Appendix 2). The Tribunal submits its findings to the Secretary General of the United Nations, to other United Nations organisations as appropriate, and to other national and international bodies.*

*The PPT has a long history of addressing issues relating to the injustices perpetrated against communities both by State as well as private actors. It is motivated by a conviction that the voices of the marginalised and the victimised should be recognised as the authentic representations from which the legal community should stand informed of the challenges confronting the respect and protection of human rights. Recent examples of Tribunal hearings include cases of human rights abuses in various countries, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank policies relating to structural adjustment, and the Conquest of America and International Law.*

*The Tribunal attempts to fill gaps in international law, which it seeks to influence by elaborating on such documents as the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Peoples (the Algiers Declaration), the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (United Nations), the Nuremberg principles, United Nations General Assembly resolutions on decolonization and the new international economic order.*

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