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RE: Follow up | Urgent Action/Early Warning | U.S.A. Executive Order to Further Construct US-Mexico Border Wall

Honorable United Nations CERD Secretariat,

As the Chairman of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas (Ndé) representative band of Ndé (Lipan Apache) Peoples' of and from the Lower Rio Grande River valley, located in the Ndé traditional and customary homelands bifurcated by the States of Mexico and the U.S.A. (Texas), this letter certifies, endorses, and supports the Lipan Apache Women Defense (LAW Defense) request and recommendations urges the Committee to take action on the Follow Up to the Urgent Action/Early Warning submitted by Ariel Dulitzky to the UN CERD Committee on February 21, 2017.

We call upon the CERD Committee to affirm the legal rights of the Ndé peoples, whose homelands and territories are currently bifurcated by the United States-Mexico border, and who hold seven legally-binding treaties and are the legal Third Parties to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and preceding and successor treaties with the Spanish Crown, Mexico and Texas, and who are the holders of unceded and non-surrendered Native Lands and Title within the current State-bordered and walled and wall-building regions under examination.

We also call upon the CERD Committee stop the systematic destruction of our traditional homelands, minerals, resources and waters.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact at (210) 789-7969.

Respectfully,

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