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## PETITION FOR RESTORATION, REPARATION, AND ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY

### RESPONDENTS

This Petition is directed to, and asserted against, the following Respondents, jointly and severally, in their capacities as beneficiaries, successors, administrators, or enablers of colonial-derived wealth and structures:

1. **The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**, as the successor colonial state and primary beneficiary of slavery and colonial extraction;
2. **British International Investment (BII)**, formerly the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC Group), as a successor institution administering and deploying colonial-derived capital;
3. **The Crown and Treasury of the United Kingdom**, including all relevant departments responsible for colonial-era assets, liabilities, and development finance;
4. **Former British Colonial Administrations and Successor States**, insofar as they continue to enforce or benefit from colonial property, land, and economic regimes;
5. **International Financial Institutions and Development Finance Bodies** that knowingly administer, recycle, or profit from colonial-derived wealth without restitution;
6. **Corporations and Financial Entities** that acquired land, concessions, or assets through colonial dispossession and continue to benefit therefrom;
7. **Any Additional State or Non-State Actor** subsequently identified through accounting or disclosure as a beneficiary of colonial or slavery-derived enrichment.

We, the undersigned Descendants of First Observers and allies, hereby affirm that we are the continuity of the original peoples who first observed, occupied, stewarded, named, and developed our respective lands. Our sovereignty is original, inherent, and non-derivative.

We declare that slavery, forced labor, colonialism, and post-colonial economic domination constituted grave and continuing violations of our rights, resulting in land dispossession, human exploitation, and systematic economic deprivation.

### FINDINGS

1. Political independence was granted without restoration of economic sovereignty, land, or capital control.
2. Colonial property, finance, and investment structures were preserved and reclassified as “development” or “foreign investment.”
3. Colonial-derived wealth continues to circulate through successor states and institutions without restitution.

4. Such retention and deployment of wealth constitutes unjust enrichment and a continuing internationally wrongful act.

## LEGAL BASIS

This Petition is grounded in:

- The inherent rights of Descendants of First Observers;
- Jus cogens prohibitions against slavery and forced labor;
- The right of peoples to self-determination, including its economic dimension;
- International principles requiring full reparation for unlawful acts;
- The doctrine that formal independence does not extinguish responsibility where benefits and harm persist.

## DEMANDS

We therefore petition for the following remedies:

1. **Formal Acknowledgment** of the dispossession and continuing economic harm suffered by First Observers.
2. **Full Accounting and Disclosure** of wealth derived from slavery and colonial extraction, including through successor institutions.
3. **Restitution and Reparations**, including:
  - Land and resource restitution or permanent usufruct rights;
  - Repatriation and First Observer control of development capital;
  - Reparative investment determined by affected peoples.
4. **Institutional Restructuring** of successor institutions that continue to administer colonial-derived wealth.
5. **Guarantees of Non-Repetition**, ensuring economic sovereignty and self-determined development.
6. **Cultural and Civilizational Restitution**, including the immediate return of artifacts, sacred objects, human remains, manuscripts, regalia, and cultural patrimony removed during colonial occupation or unequal power conditions, including but not limited to:
  - Items currently held in museums, state collections, universities, or private institutions within the United Kingdom;
  - Items held by the Vatican and associated ecclesiastical institutions;
  - Any object removed without the free, prior, and informed consent of the peoples of origin.

Such cultural restitution is recognized as a component of reparative justice and restoration of First Observers' civilizational sovereignty.

## NOTICE AND DEMAND

The Respondents named herein are hereby given formal notice of the claims asserted in this Petition. By receipt of this document, Respondents are placed on notice that:

1. The harms described constitute continuing violations of international law and the inherent rights of Descendants of First Observers;
2. The retention, administration, or benefit from colonial-derived wealth gives rise to obligations of restitution, accounting, and reparative remedy;
3. Failure to engage in good-faith processes toward acknowledgment, disclosure, and reparative measures may give rise to further legal, diplomatic, and public claims in appropriate national and international fora.

Accordingly, the undersigned demand that Respondents:

- a. Acknowledge the historical and continuing harms identified herein;
- b. Disclose and account for wealth, assets, and institutional advantages traceable to slavery and colonial extraction;
- c. Enter into processes aimed at restitution, reparations, and structural reform consistent with the rights of First Observers.

This Notice and Demand is issued without prejudice to any additional claims, remedies, or proceedings that may be pursued.

## **RESPONSE AND COMPLIANCE TIMELINE**

The undersigned hereby set the following reasonable timeline for initial compliance steps:

1. **Acknowledgment of Receipt** — Within 30 days of service of this Petition.
2. **Preliminary Disclosure and Accounting Plan** — Within 90 days, including identification of relevant archives, asset categories, and institutional holdings.
3. **Engagement in Reparative Process** — Within 6 months, commencement of structured dialogue or formal mechanisms addressing restitution, reparations, and institutional reform.
4. **Cultural Artifact Restitution Framework** — Within 6 months, publication of an inventory and return schedule for artifacts, sacred objects, human remains, and cultural patrimony held in state, museum, or ecclesiastical collections, including those within the United Kingdom and the Vatican.

Failure to act within these timeframes may be considered evidence of refusal to remedy continuing harm.

## **DEFAULT CLAUSE**

In the event that any Respondent fails to acknowledge, respond, disclose, or engage within the timelines stated herein, such failure shall constitute:

1. Constructive refusal to remedy continuing harm;
2. Evidence of bad faith in relation to reparative obligations;
3. Grounds for escalation to national courts, international tribunals, regional human rights bodies, arbitration mechanisms, and public accountability proceedings;

4. Basis for coordinated diplomatic, economic, and civil actions consistent with international law.

No silence, delay, or procedural technicality shall be construed as extinguishing the claims asserted herein.

## **SERVICE OF NOTICE**

This Petition and accompanying Notice and Demand shall be served upon the Respondents through one or more of the following means:

1. Registered or certified international mail to official governmental, institutional, or corporate addresses;
2. Electronic delivery to officially designated public or legal contact offices;
3. Diplomatic channels where applicable;
4. Public filing, publication, or registry submission in appropriate national or international fora.

Proof of service shall be documented and retained. Service shall be deemed effective upon documented delivery or verified transmission.

This Service provision is issued to ensure formal notice and to preserve all procedural rights of the Petitioners.

## **DECLARATION**

We affirm that time cannot legalize theft, enslavement, or dispossession. Reparations are not acts of charity but binding obligations of restoration.

This Petition is submitted in assertion of original sovereignty and continuing rights, and may be presented before courts, international bodies, states, institutions, and peoples' assemblies.

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## **SIGNATORIES**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nation / People / Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Issued under the authority of the First Observers Reparations Framework.**