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I am interested in the following IC subcommittees:

- Africa Subcommittee Agent Orange WG
 Article 9 WG
 Cuba Subcommittee (Additional dues: \$15/yr)
 Environmental Human Rights
 Free Palestine Subcommittee
 Haiti Subcommittee Indigenous Rights
 International Labor Justice
 Iran Subcommittee Puerto Rico Subcommittee
 Philippines Subcommittee
 Task force on the Americas
 Working Group on Torture

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International Committee Subcommittees

Africa Subcommittee - The Africa subcommittee opposes imperialism and racism against the people of Africa, and condemns the looting of Africa's vast resources by non-Africans.

Agent Orange Working Group - Seeks justice and reparations for Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange.

Article 9 Working Group - A working group to preserve and spread Japan's Article 9 Peace Constitution.

Cuba Subcommittee - Members follow US/Cuba developments and try to use their legal skills to help normalize relations and end the U.S. economic blockade.

Environmental Human Rights Subcommittee - The Environmental Human Rights Subcommittee will work on global climate change as well as other environmental issues world-wide.

Free Palestine Subcommittee - This Subcommittee works to support the movement to free Palestine, including advocating for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) in accordance with Palestinian civil society.

Haiti Subcommittee - The Haiti Subcommittee promotes justice and sovereignty for the Haitian people.

Indigenous Peoples—The Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee is organized to take up the struggles of indigenous peoples in the US and throughout the world .

International Labor Justice Working Group - A joint project with the Labor and Employment Committee, we work in solidarity with workers around the world.

Iran Subcommittee - The Iran Subcommittee works to promote justice and human rights for the people of Iran.

Philippines Subcommittee - The NLG Philippines subcommittee has been working towards holding both the U.S. and Philippine governments to international human rights standards.

Puerto Rico Subcommittee—the NLG Puerto Rico Subcommittee works to defend the rights of the people of Puerto Rico in the face of US colonialism.

Task Force on the Americas - The Task Force on the Americas supports progressive forces in Venezuela, Ecuador, Honduras and elsewhere in the Americas and works to resist US intervention and contradict US media disinformation.

Working Group on Torture - The Torture Accountability working group works to hold those responsible for torture accountable, using national, local and international justice mechanisms.

National Lawyers Guild International Committee



Standing with the movements of the world, from Africa, to the Americas, to Haiti, to Cuba, to the Philippines, to Palestine, to Vietnam, to Korea, to Iran, and working to create a world in which "human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests."

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**



The National Lawyers Guild International Committee - Working for Global Justice

The NLG International Committee (IC) supports legal work around the world "to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests." As lawyers, law students, and legal activists, we seek to change U.S. foreign policy that threatens, rather than engages, or is based on a model of domination rather than respect. The Guild provides assistance and solidarity to movements in the United States and abroad that work for social justice in this increasingly interconnected world.

The NLG IC plays an active role in international conferences, delegations and on-going projects that examine and seek to remedy conditions caused by illegal U.S. or corporate practices. By bringing an alternative perspective to multinational institutions, schools, community centers and congressional hearings, the IC and its members actively educate, litigate, and truthseek toward achieving social justice.

The NLG and the IC

From its founding in 1937, the National Lawyers Guild has maintained an internationalist perspective, and international work has been a critical focus for the National Lawyers Guild and its members.

The Guild was active in the fight against fascism in the Spanish Civil War and in World War II. Guild lawyers participated in the creation of the United Nations, and in the prosecution of IG Farben, the German chemical corporation which played an active role in the Holocaust.

The Guild opposed the hysteria of the Cold War, and many Guild lawyers used their skills to defend immigrants, labor activists, and others accused of "subversion." Later Guild work has been centered on support for national liberation movements (such as those in Vietnam and South Africa), the eradication of nuclear weapons, and the support of international legal principles and institutions which further "... the

end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property rights."

International Committee Work

Presently, subcommittees or on-going projects exist for Cuba, Palestine, Task Force for the Americas, Korea, Africa, the Philippines, Haiti and the United Nations, as well as an Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee and an Environmental Human Rights Subcommittee. The International Committee has also joined with the Guild's Labor and Employment Committee to form the International Labor Justice Working Group. Working Groups take on current issues such as Torture, the Afghanistan War, Justice for Vietnamese Agent Orange Victims and preserving Japan's Peace Constitution Article 9. Numerous white papers and legal materials are prepared each year.

Since the turn of the 21st century, the International Committee has organized delegations to and produced written reports on Haiti, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Honduras, El Salvador, Palestine, Venezuela, Lebanon, North and South Korea, Cuba, Tunisia, Colombia and Mexico; and International Committee members participated in the UN World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa in 2001 and its follow up meeting in 2009.

Guild members have taken a leading role in the International Association of Democratic Lawyers; sending hundreds of lawyers, legal workers and students to the IADL's Congresses. NLG IC co-chair Jeanne Mirer serves as president of IADL.

We have organized seminars for our own members and the progressive legal community on how to incorporate international law principles into everyday law practice. Every year, the IC organizes numerous workshops at the Guild convention. Guild lawyers have also worked with labor unions to develop a strategy for developing alliances with progressive unions in Mexico. .

The International Committee vigorously opposed the U.S. invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, and worked to incorporate international legal principles into critiques of U.S. aggression. We helped organize legal delegations to Haiti which documented gross human rights violations in the aftermath of the U.S.-supported coup against democratically elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and the IC is working with Puerto Rican lawyers to combat repression in the U.S. colony.

In the immediate aftermath of the Israeli invasion the Guild sent a delegation to Gaza in February 2009 and has produced talks, videos and a White Paper on the illegal invasion and has continued to advocate for Palestinian Rights.

The IC has been actively working with other groups, including the US Human Rights Network and the Bringing Human Rights Home Lawyers Network, to promote the use of international law and the human rights framework and advocate for US ratification of treaties that recognize economic, social and cultural rights. See our reports to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the US, to take place in Geneva on November 5, 2010., available at the IC website: www.nlginternational.org.

The Guild has a long history of fighting for the right of US nationals to visit and associate with progressive movements worldwide; today, we continue to organize lawyers to provide counseling and representation for U.S. travelers to Cuba, in the face of increased restrictions on travel. In addition to struggling against the unjust foreign policies of the superpower in which we live, the International Committee has sought to assist movements in the United States and around the globe which promote peace, justice, health, equality, openness, and the possibilities of another world.

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