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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Committee's Decision 1 (68) on the United States of America, adopted on 8 March 2006, expressing the Committee's concern that past and current actions taken by the State party on Western Shoshone ancestral lands lead to a situation where, today, the obligations of the State party under the Convention are not respected. You may recall that the Committee also requested that the State party provide it with information on action taken to implement this decision by 15 July 2006.

Following receipt of updated information on this issue from representatives of the Western Shoshone peoples, the Committee would be very grateful for clarification regarding the status of your Government's response and in particular the date upon which it may be expected. The Committee looks forward to pursuing a constructive dialogue with Your Government on the implementation of the Convention and to receiving a response at your earliest convenience.

The Committee recalls the State party's assurances given in August 2005, that its fourth and fifth periodic reports, which were due on 20 November 2003, were being prepared, and that comprehensive information relating to the above subject matter would be included in these periodic reports. It regrets, however, that to date, the State party has not submitted its overdue reports.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Régis de Gouttes".

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