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Your Reference: Liberation Scotland and our UN Campaign for international recognition of Scotland's right to self-determination

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Dear The Liberation Scotland Committee,

Thank you for your recent emails to Scottish Government Ministers. I work in the Directorate for Constitution and have been asked to reply. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you, this is due to a very high volume of correspondence which we have been receiving recently.

The various points raised in your correspondence have been noted.

The people of Scotland have elected the largest pro-independence majority in the history of devolution.

The democratically-elected parliament of Scotland voted on 26 May 2026 to support the call for powers to hold a referendum on Scottish independence to be devolved to the Scottish Parliament.

The Scottish Government believes this is a voluntary union and that the people of Scotland have the right to decide their constitutional future and whether or not to remain in that union.

The Scottish Government believes independence is the change that can take Scotland from political uncertainty and economic stagnation within the United Kingdom to greater security and prosperity as an independent nation state and member of the European Union.

The Scottish Government is focused on tackling the cost of living and improving our NHS – and that is why it is determined to secure the powers of Scottish independence. The Scottish Government believes our future economic prosperity is underpinned by rejoining the EU and by putting Scotland's energy wealth in the hands of Scotland's people to deliver the best possible future for Scotland.



On 4 September 2025 the Scottish Government published '[Your Right to Decide](#)'. The paper sets out the Scottish Government's view that it is for the people of Scotland to decide their constitutional future. It calls on the UK Government to make a clear commitment to respect the people of Scotland's right to choose.

Yours sincerely

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Dear MSP,

Re: Liberation Scotland and our UN / International Campaign

Congratulations on being elected as an MSP for the new Holyrood Administration. We wish you well in your new post.

We hope that as an advocate of the restoration of Scottish independence you already understand that the path to restoring Scotland's historic sovereignty and nationhood demands both a domestic democratic process and the legal and political mechanisms of the United Nations, established for this purpose in 1946. Therefore we also hope that you will take an interest in Liberation Scotland's campaign at the United Nations, both to secure recognition of the right of Scots to the free exercise of self-determination and to gain the broad international support necessary for Scotland's case.

Until now, SNP-lead administrations at Holyrood have focussed consistently and exclusively on securing Westminster agreement for Scots to hold a democratic event to exercise their right to self-determination. This was recently underscored by the central conclusion of the February 2026 Scottish Parliament Paper 1030, 'Options for a Legal Mechanism for Triggering Any Independence Referendum' published Feb. 2026, i.e. that "in the absence of [Westminster] agreement there is no pathway for the people of Scotland to exercise this right."¹ This is untrue.

- The stipulated terms of the 1707 Anglo-Scottish union have never been given effect: no 'single kingdom' (requiring a single joint crown), was ever created. England's Crown and state, renamed, with Scotland's state extinguished and Scotland added to English control, (made a dependency) is all that exists. Scots are therefore subject to a foreign sovereignty, annexed rather than in a free association or freely integrated into a larger state. Scots are entitled to the non-derogable right of self-determination in international law.
- "Scotland's Claim of Right Act, 1689, our constitutional 'charter', remains a condition precedent of the Treaty and the Union, preserving Scotland's Crown, the sovereignty of the Scots and the conditional character of any union with England.
- The continued force of the Claim of Right Act, ratified along with the Articles of Union, guarantees the right of Scots to remove any government that is in violation of their rights and replace it at will.
- Under international treaty law and by the terms of the domestic Acts of Union which the British state cites as its authorising legislation, Scots do not need to 'permission' to withdraw from an inoperative treaty whose precedent condition, though long discarded in violation of the agreement, remains a statutory guarantee of the right of Scots to determine the form of government best suited to their needs.
- "In the case of Scotland, the right to leave is established informally in UK constitutional practice. International law recognises such a constitutional grant of authority, whether made express in the constitution or implied in constitutional practice. This internal, constitutional entitlement is then reflected in the international law doctrine of constitutional self-determination"²

¹. Please note that evidence to the inquiry which published Scottish Parliament Paper 1030 also names and dismisses Liberation Scotland's arguments without either an examination of these or offering the opportunity to answer. We look forward to being given a right of reply and to having our response published within the same, public record.

². *Could Scotland stage an independence referendum without UK approval? What the law says*, Professor Marc Weller, The Scotsman Published 25th Jan 2021

Our primary aim is to secure international recognition of these rights and especially, UN recognition of Scotland's status as a Non-Self-Governing Territory (NSGT) as defined by UN Resolution 1541 (xv) by which every recognised territory is entitled to decolonisation and to the right of self-determination.

Details about Liberation Scotland, our mission, constitution, membership and extensive lobbying work to date are provided in the Annex to this letter.³ These are intended provide you, as an MSP, with details of a path to an independent Scotland that cannot be legally blocked by Westminster. We hope you find it informative and would be pleased to discuss any questions you may have.

We hope you will support our campaign.

The Liberation Scotland Committee

Annex: Liberation Scotland; UN Campaign Programme & March Report; Edinburgh Proclamation.

³ Of note is the paper submitted to the Human Rights Council in February 2026 on which we collaborated, articulating Scotland's position, published by the UN and visible to all 193 UN member states. Recent statements at the C24 will shortly be incorporated within a second, public to whose proposals we also contributed will follow as our UN campaign continues.

ANNEX: LIBERATION SCOTLAND

Liberation Scotland (LS) is Scotland's only National Liberation Movement. It was inaugurated in September 2022 with the public declaration of its manifesto, the Edinburgh Proclamation (attached below). It was established in response to the ethnic and cultural eradication, the economic exploitation and the financial and political oppression of Scotland and its people over three centuries, and continuing today, by the Anglo-British state. (That is, the continuation of the English state, with the addition of the annexed nation of Scotland after 1707, calling itself 'the United Kingdom').

Our mission is to secure the rights of the Scottish people under their own constitution, rights which include the territorial, judicial and political sovereignty of the people, and under the international rights of a Non-Self-Governing Territory (NSGT - as defined by UN Resolution 1541 (xv) [https://docs.un.org/en/a/res/1541\(xv\)](https://docs.un.org/en/a/res/1541(xv))).

The Liberation Scotland Committee is engaged in the international campaign for international recognition of the existing right of the Scottish people to determine their own future without reference to the British government and for the restoration of Scotland's historic standing as an independent and internationally recognised state. Representing a growing membership, in excess of 20,000, with a written Constitution and with a democratically elected management committee, the Committee seeks an international remedy for the grievous and continuing crimes against the nation of Scotland by the Anglo-British state. Please refer: <https://www.liberation.scot/>

Our international campaign was launched in 2024. In 2025, our representatives initiated meetings with UN delegates (including the UN Special Committee on Decolonisation - C-24) at events in Geneva and UN HQ in New York, raising the profile of our case and building awareness and support from the 29 national representatives that comprise the C-24 Committee.

In 2026 we are already building on the substantial progress of 2025, establishing working relationships with other and formerly colonised peoples as well as with supporting states. We will continue and to extend our profile, diplomacy and outreach amongst Scotland's numerous friends and allies in the international community, including within the nations of the non-aligned movement and global south. Details of our UN work programme elements for 2025 & 2026 are summarised separately below.

Our programme in the first half of 2026 includes: • attendance at the UN Human Rights Council 61st session in Geneva in March; • convening direct bilateral meetings between LS and representatives of member nations of the UN Special Committee on Decolonisation (C-24); • attendance during the important C-24 regional seminar in Nicaragua in May; • hosting at least one side or fringe event at the UN HRC 62nd session in Geneva in June; • attendance at the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP) event in Geneva in July.

Internationally, our case is based on the restoration of Scotland's historic nationhood and constitution illegally dissolved by England in 1707 under the guise of a Treaty that was never enacted. It is NOT a question of secession / separation from a larger pre-existing state.

At home, Salvo is the domestic campaign arm of Liberation Scotland dedicated to restoring Scotland's national, constitutional and historic rights as set out in Scotland's written constitution.

LSC - UN / INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN KEY ELEMENTS 2025 - 2026

2025 (completed)

- **March:** Submission of Advance Notice of Petition to UN seeking recognition of Scotland as a Non-Self-Governing Territory (NSGT); included submission of Scotland's 'Colonial Markers'
- **May:** Scottish Sovereignty Research Group (SSRG) Conf.– public announcement by senior legal counsel Prof. Robert Black KC FRSE, that 1707 ToU was NOT in fact a union between two sovereign states, but annexation of Scotland by England.
- **June:** Petitioning of C-24 at UN HQ NYC on behalf of French Polynesia (NSGT)
- **Sept:** Hosting side event at UN Geneva 'Scotland's Right to Self Determination under International Law'.
- **Oct:** Petitioning at C-4 UN HQ NYC on behalf of NSGT's French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Western Sahara.

2026 (completed & planned)

- **March:** attendance at HRC 61 Geneva & publication of paper on UN website.
- **May:** LS delegates at C-24 Regional Seminar Managua, Nicaragua.
- **June:** Petitioning of C-24 at UN HQ NYC. Hosting side event at HRC Geneva.
- **July:** LS delegates at UN expert Mechanism on Rights of Indigenous People's Event (EMRIP), Geneva
- **Sept:** Attending UN Human Rights Council session, Geneva.
- **Oct:** Attending UN C-4 Committee annual session at UN HQ NYC.

Petitioning UN Special Rapporteurs on:

- **Cultural Rights** (suppression of Scotland's own history and languages)
- **Democratic / Equitable International Order** (refusal of acknowledged right to internationally compliant referendum)
- **Freedom of Expression** (absence of balance in Scottish media)
- **Truth, Justice, Reparation** (denial / manipulation of historical events, institutional control of historical narratives)

Liberation Scotland
UN Human Rights Council 61st Session
Geneva, March 2026
SUMMARY REPORT



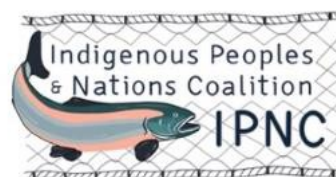
As part of Liberation Scotland's (LS) ongoing international outreach and diplomacy campaign, an LS delegation attended the UN Human Rights Council 61st annual session in Geneva during the week of 16-20 March 2026 to participate in this important event in the annual UN calendar, and also to give Scotland a voice at this international event (particularly in the absence of anyone attending from Scotland's devolved administration).

LS participation at HRC61 (and the associated side events) was supported and facilitated by several of our international partners, including Hong Kong based International Probono Legal Services Association ([IPLSA](#)), Colombia's [MALOCA Internationale](#), and the Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition (IPNC).

Key highlights from LS participation in this official UN event:

- The formal registration of document A/HRC/61/NGO as an official paper for inclusion in the HRC61 event programme and internal UN system; *NOTE: this transitions Scotland's case from a domestic UK political debate into an international public record accessible by all 193 Member States !*
<https://documents.un.org/doc/undoc/gen/g26/031/70/pdf/g2603170.pdf>
- Co-sponsorship of a fringe-event (at Geneva's Centre John Knox) entitled 'Paying the Price of Empty Rhetoric' at which Sara Salyers presented a paper attacking imperialism, foreign occupation and colonisation, referencing Mark Carney's speech (World Economic Forum Feb. 2026) about the current rupture in the international rules-based order, and summarising and comparing Scotland's position with those of Alaska, Namibia, East Timor and Chagos.

<https://liberation.scot/static-content/UNOG/Humanity%20is%20Paying%20the%20Price%20of%20Empty%20Rhetoric.pdf>



EDINBURGH PROCLAMATION SEPT 2023

The nation of Scotland has enshrined in its constitution, from the Declaration of the Clergy of 1310 and the Declaration of Arbroath of 1320, to the Claim of Right Act of 1689, the supremacy of the Scottish people over all other authorities of state. From which it is clear that the English principle of parliamentary sovereignty, is foreign, irreconcilable and unlawful in Scotland.

Embodied in the Claim of Right, our constitution provides that we, the people, lend our power to the government to serve the common good and to uphold our rights and interests. And we may withdraw this loan. Through the Convention of the Estates, a National Assembly comprised of the communities of Scotland, we may remove any government that fails to serve us or overrules the express will of the people.

The Westminster Government has grossly and repeatedly violated the provisions of the Claim of Right, a contractual obligation ratified by the nations of Scotland and England in the Treaty of Union of 1706. It has ruled Scotland, not as an equal partner in a political union, but as a colony. It has thwarted the democratic will of the people and disposed of our assets to enrich a privileged few. It has moved to end our ancient sovereignty by replacing it with Westminster parliamentary sovereignty. Yet the source of legitimate power in Scotland remains, and will always remain, the people of Scotland.

Therefore, to halt the eradication of our sovereignty, the abuse of our protected rights and the plunder of our territories and resources, and reaffirming our lawful authority, we echo the Irish Proclamation of 1916:

We declare the right of the people of Scotland to the ownership of Scotland and to the unfettered control of Scottish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign government has not extinguished that right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Scottish people.

We, the signatories, will form the peaceful Liberation Movement of Scotland. We call on all Scots to join us in urgently recalling the Convention of the Estates, through a modern, Scottish National Congress, to defend and assert our rights and to end the abuses of a foreign government that now threatens our lives and very existence as a nation.

Sign the [Edinburgh Proclamation](#) and join the Scottish Liberation Movement.