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The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 15 December 1994 on clemency for Leonard Peltier ((OJ C 18, 23.1.1995, p. 183.)),

A. having regard to the role played by Leonard Peltier in the defence of the rights of indigenous peoples,

B. whereas he received two life sentences in 1997, although no proof of his guilt was ever furnished, after he had been extradited from Canada,

C. whereas Amnesty International has repeatedly expressed its concern about the fairness of the trial which led to Mr Peltier's conviction,

D. whereas the United States Administration now admits that the affidavits which were utilised to arrest and extradite Mr Peltier from Canada were false, and whereas US prosecutor Lynn Crooks has stated that the US Administration had no proof of who killed the agents,

E. whereas, after 23 years in federal penitentiaries, Mr Peltier's health has severely deteriorated, and whereas, according to specialists, if Mr Peltier does not receive proper medical treatment, his life could be in danger,

F. whereas the prison authorities continue to deny Mr Peltier appropriate medical treatment, in violation of international humanitarian law and of Mr Peltier's constitutional rights,

G. noting that Mr Peltier has exhausted all his appeals under United States law,

1. Insists once again that Leonard Peltier be granted presidential executive clemency;
2. Insists that Leonard Peltier be transferred to a hospital where he may receive appropriate medical treatment;
3. Reiterates its call for an investigation into the judicial improprieties involved in Mr Peltier's conviction;
4. Instructs its Delegation for relations with the United States to raise the case of Leonard Peltier at its next meeting with its American counterparts;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the US Congress and the President of the United States.

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