



## International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM)

**October 6, 2023    10:00 am    Room XXV**

### **Human Rights Defenders**

Peoples pursuing their right of self-determination in the United Nations Decolonization process or through Security Council resolutions struggle for freedom against oppression and racist apartheid regimes. Complicit State ‘democracies’ stigmatize human rights defenders as terrorists, enemies of the state or traitors, cloaking State responsibility by claims of “national security” or denying responsibility by claiming non-interference within the domestic sphere of a State. The Convention Against Torture (CAT) and the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) can recommend to address violations. How effective are UN mechanisms that serve to protect peoples under the Secretary Generals’ reports on reprisals, the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders, the President of the Human Rights Council implement protection of reprisals? Can the OHCHR be mandated to request Special Procedures to assist peoples pursuing United Nations’ protection for human rights defenders, including in its reports?

#### **Panelists**

**Barrister A. Majid Trambo** Moderator – Permanent Representative of the International Human Rights Association of American Minorities

**Abdelwahab HANI** – International Expert on Human Rights, Former Member of the UN Treaty Body Committee Against Torture

**Ambassador Ronald Barnes** – Chair – Indigenous Peoples and Nations Coalition – Alaska Decolonization Movement

**Routh Bolomet** - direct descendant of Kamehameha I and III pursuing international protective status for Hawaiian Nationals

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This will be followed by a dialogue from the floor.

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