

## **Reparations from Weapons Manufacturers to individuals and communities that have been injured by their weapons through U.S. military actions since 9/11.**

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I was in the U.S. military for 29 years and retired as a Colonel. I also was a U.S. diplomat for 16 years in U.S. embassies in Nicaragua, Grenada, Somalia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Sierra Leone, Micronesia, Afghanistan and Mongolia.

I have been asked to speak on the Tribunal's strong recommendation that reparations be made to individuals and communities that have been injured by weapons made by these manufacturers used by the U.S. military in actions since 9/11.

While this will no doubt be a controversial recommendation within U.S. political parties that use war as a weapon of conflict resolution and within U.S. government agencies that implement the decisions of elected leaders, the Tribunal recommends that an agency be created within the U.S. Department of State that will be tasked with assessing the dollar amount of damages inflicted upon civilians as a result of the crimes that have been outlined by the Tribunal.

The agency would be charged with providing the necessary and appropriate reparations to individuals and communities that have been injured by the weapons used in U.S. military actions since 9/11.

An appeals board would be established within this agency, comprised of international representatives of non-governmental human rights organizations, to adjudicate disagreements arising from State Department reparations decisions.

Money for reparations administered by this agency would be generated by:

- a. Requiring firms with Pentagon contracts dated October 7, 2001, onward to transfer to the reparations agency funds equivalent to the amount of their profits for that period.
- b. Creating a surcharge, to be determined, on the annual revenue of all U.S. firms doing business in nations that have been subject to overt and covert military and paramilitary actions, retroactive to October 7, 2001.
- c. Creating a surcharge on revenue of all U.S. firms doing business overseas, to accelerate paying off the U.S. debt that has been generated with the goal of supporting all U.S. military presence and action since October 7, 2021, which has directly and indirectly supported the overseas business of these firms.

The funds would be distributed by the agency created within the Department of State.

Needless to say, the Merchants of Death weapons manufacturers would expend huge amounts of money on lobbying the U.S. Congress and Presidential Administrations to never implement this recommendation.

It will be up to us, the U.S. citizens, to vote for Congressional candidates and candidates for the U.S. presidency who agree to implement this recommendation.

Thank you.