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**'THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT LIVED OFF THE LAND. THIS WAS THEIR LIVELIHOOD. IT WAS WHAT THEY KNEW. AND THEN IN THE LATE 1970'S, THEY BUILT THE ALL-WEATHER ROAD [INTO THE OIL FIELDS] ... SUDDENLY THERE WASN'T ENOUGH GAME. PEOPLE COULDN'T LIVE OFF THE LAND.'**

Cynthia Tomlinson, Lubicon Cree

Billions of dollars of oil and gas have been removed from the traditional lands of the Indigenous Lubicon Cree in northern Alberta, Canada. However, the Lubicon Cree themselves are living in poverty. Their economy and way of life have been nearly wiped out by the destruction of animal habitat. Basic services, like clean water and sanitation, have never been provided.

The Canadian federal and provincial governments acknowledge the need to negotiate a land settlement with the Lubicon Cree. However, there have been no negotiations since 2003. In the meantime, the provincial government continues to license oil and gas development on Lubicon Cree land.

## TAKE ACTION NOW

Please sign and send this postcard to the Premier of Alberta, Ed Stelmach.

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*Image:* Oil and gas installation, Lubicon Cree. © Amnesty International

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### Dear Premier Stelmach,

The destruction of an Indigenous culture and way of life is an unacceptable price to pay for oil and gas development. Over and over again, United Nations human rights bodies have called on Canadian officials to respect and uphold the rights of the Lubicon Cree.

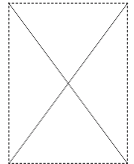
Until a just resolution of the land dispute is reached, I urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that no new oil and gas development is permitted on Lubicon land except with the agreement of the Lubicon Cree.

Yours faithfully,

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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