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Prisons function as totalitarian micro-states embedded within democratic nations. Incarcerated individuals lose autonomy, but also live within a tightly controlled system. This white paper proposes a new framework: a parallel, legal, grassroots system developed by and for prisoners to increase dignity, cooperation, education, and peace.

Inspired by historical precedents such as the Iroquois Confederacy, kibbutzim, the Zapatistas, and early American civic formations, Prisoner Peace Pacts offer an adaptable model.

Each institution is different, so the specifics must come from inside. This is not an outside reform. It is a peace-centered constitutional process led by those living the system daily.

Goals:

- Unite factions through treaties and trust-based systems.
- Reduce violence by encouraging mutual respect and mediation.
- Promote education and post-release preparation.
- Establish legitimacy through collective wisdom.

This paper is not a policy demand. It's a permission slip.