

## RESOLUTION OF THE DOMARI CONFEDERATION

### Domari Ratification of the International Covenant on Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS the people of the Romani or Domari Confederation, including the Ghorbati and the Nawari, have resided peacefully in Mesopotamia for over a thousand years ago since first migrating from India; and

WHEREAS we, the members of the Romani or Domari Confederation, have come together to affirm Romani autonomy and protect our sovereign rights for ourselves and future descendants of our people; and

WHEREAS we Romani people seek to exercise our inherent sovereign rights and affirm our commitment to the principles stated in the International Covenant Rights of Indigenous Nations, including the preservation of our sovereignty under international law, our cultural identity, and all the rightful powers of the Romani self-government; and

WHEREAS Romani representatives have come together to sign this resolution complying with the International Covenant on Rights of Indigenous Nations, with the desire to implement our fundamental rights as a nation; and

WHEREAS Romani government representatives have been actively involved in the drafting this resolution and implementing the process of the International Covenant on Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

WHEREAS the Autonomous Romani Confederation at a meeting of its General Assembly in February 2020 has decided to implement the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, implementing the sovereign rights of Romani and acknowledging the Romani people's rightful powers of government and sovereignty under international law, including the protection of human rights and their right to full citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Romani Confederation believes that implementation of the International Covenant of Rights of Indigenous Nations is a critical next step to protect and further the rights of indigenous peoples of Romani in law; and

WHEREAS, the Romani Confederation has worked to identify critical first steps to achieve full implementation and realization of the principles, rights, and protections provided for in the International Covenant on Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

WHEREAS, a unified statement of support from the Romani Confederation and individual members will serve to underscore and emphasize that representatives of the Romani Confederation and its people support the fundamental principles of the International Covenant on rights of Indigenous Nations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Romani shall implement the International Covenant on Rights of Indigenous Nations in accord with their customary laws and inherent powers of government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Romani Confederation shall provide indigenous Romani peoples, under the International Covenant on Rights of Indigenous Nations, with their own indigenous constitutional and customary laws a dignified and appropriate status for regularly participating in international activities to achieve full and effective autonomy within international forums and processes that are appropriate for their status, and consistent with the right of self-determination held by the International Covenant on Rights of Indigenous Nations as recognized and affirmed by the International community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Romani shall immediately take the following steps to address the sovereignty rights of Romani: (1) ratify the International Covenant on Rights of Indigenous Nations; and (2) establish a mechanism to monitor and implement the International Covenant on Rights of Indigenous Nations at the global level and explicitly mandate that the mechanism body pay particular attention to human rights, autonomy rights, and territorial rights of Romani on at least an annual basis, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of Romani until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution of the Romani Confederation.

These Romani communities, including the Ghorbati and the Nawari, shall abide by the terms of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations:

Signed by



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Resolution Status: Passed

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