

## Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations as a Declaration of Tribal Sovereignty

WHEREAS, we, the members of **العربي الاشتراكي** Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our nations, rights secured under the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and related treaties, which we are entitled to endorse under the laws and Constitution of Iraq, **العربي الاشتراكي** Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir are firmly committed to preserve cultural values and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir tribal people; and

WHEREAS, the **العربي الاشتراكي** Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir tribal government first established in 1951 is based on principles of customary indigenous tribal government; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of independent sovereign nations to support self-determination, self-governance and self-sufficiency as set forth in the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations as amended in the Self-Governance Act of the Government of Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the Treaty and Clauses of our Constitution affirm the status of our nations as sovereign with rights of self-determination and self-governance over tribal citizens and tribal territory; and

WHEREAS, the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations recognizes tribal nations' rights as equal to that of state governments including the rights to autonomy and to develop their own Constitution; and

WHEREAS, indigenous tribes are sovereign nations that are recognized by the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations based on treaties, trusts and constitutional law consistent with the customary laws of **العربي الاشتراكي** Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir; and

WHEREAS, **العربي الاشتراكي** Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir is recognized as a sovereign entity that is equivalent to a nation state; and

WHEREAS, through treaties, statutes, executive orders, other legal agreements and laws, the **العربي الاشتراكي** Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir undertake and fulfill many obligations to its people by signing the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

WHEREAS, **العربي الاشتراكي** Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir and many tribal governments affirm their legal jurisdiction concerning the general welfare of their people and communities under the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

WHEREAS, tribes are sovereign nations that are recognized under international law and governments based on treaties that have been respected and reinforced throughout history; and

WHEREAS, tribes are recognized as sovereign entities that are equivalent to nation states under the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS, the **العربي الاشتراكي** Ḥizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir is deeply concerned about the protection of the peoples of Iraq and their sacred places, sacred objects and ancestral remains, wherever they are located or held, within or outside Iraq by whatever persons or entities and is unconditionally opposed to their desecration, dispossession and any adverse impact, damage, endangerment, injury or threat to them; and

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WHEREAS, العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir exists as an independent sovereign body retaining the right to self-government prior to the formation of the current government through treaties and other agreements, federal laws and executive orders; and

WHEREAS, العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir, as a matter of inherent right and under the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, expects to be consulted on activities that have tribal impact or the potential to impact tribal interests; and

WHEREAS, العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir has elected to ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and to have this document serve as our Declaration of Sovereignty of العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir Iraq; and

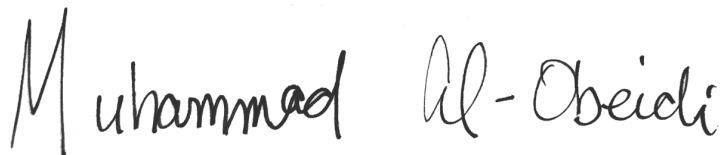
WHEREAS, to comply with the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir is required to protect the traditional cultural practices of providing for the social, economic, religious and other needs of all its community members,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir hereby ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir declares that the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations will remain in full force and effect, and shall be the policy of the العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir unless withdrawn by subsequent resolution.

This Instrument of Ratification is hereby adopted by the tribal leadership of the العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'aṭ Al-'Arabī Al-Iṣṭir Nation of Iraq on October 17th 2020 of the Common Era.

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