

# **Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations as a Declaration of Tribal Sovereignty**

WHEREAS, we, the members of Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir, 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, the العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir are firmly committed to preserve cultural values and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir tribal people; and

WHEREAS, the Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir 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 the العربي الاشتراكي Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir; and

WHEREAS, Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir 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 Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir undertake and fulfill many obligations to its people by signing the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

WHEREAS, Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir 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 Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir 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, حزب العربى الاشتراكى Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir 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, حزب العربى الاشتراكى Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir, 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, حزب العربى الاشتراكى Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir 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 حزب العربى الاشتراكى Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir Iraq; and

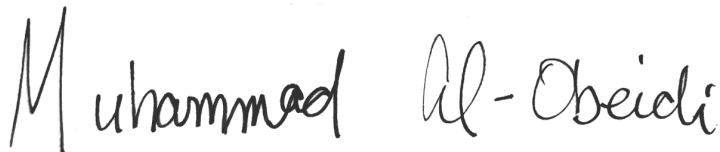
WHEREAS, to comply with the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, حزب العربى الاشتراكى Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir is required to protect the traditional cultural practices of providing for the social, economic, religious and other needs of all its community members,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that حزب العربى الاشتراكى Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir hereby ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that حزب العربى الاشتراكى Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir 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 حزب العربى الاشتراكى Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir unless withdrawn by subsequent resolution.

This Instrument of Ratification is hereby adopted by the tribal leadership of the حزب العربى الاشتراكى Hizb Al-Ba'at Al-'Arabī Al-Ištir Nation of Iraq on October 17th 2020 of the Common Era.

[signed]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muhammad Al-Obeidi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Muhammad" on the left and "Al-Obeidi" on the right.

Sheikh Muhammad Al-Obeidi