



Amazigh Tribes of Morocco Ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the Amazigh people of Morocco, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights secured under Amazigh laws and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, in order to preserve Amazigh cultural values and otherwise promote the health, safety and welfare of the Amazigh people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the indigenous Amazigh people have occupied and lived upon these Moroccan lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the rights of indigenous peoples to their traditional lands, territories and resources are recognized in international human rights instruments, including Amazigh Constitutions and the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

WHEREAS, the rights of indigenous peoples to their lands and resources are protected under the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Amazigh have since time immemorial recognized and developed traditional languages, art and sacred sites that are protected under the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations; and

WHEREAS, Amazigh poets and leaders have long and consistently depicted Amazigh nations and tribes as the indigenous people of Morocco with inherent sovereign authority over their citizens and territory; and

WHEREAS, Amazigh nations and tribes have recognized authority to govern our citizens, develop, manage, preserve and protect our lands and natural resources, regulate reservation commerce and administer justice with sovereignty courts; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Amazigh of Morocco to promote Amazigh self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the Amazigh has ratified the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and have acknowledged the right of indigenous Amazigh peoples to autonomy and self-government within our lands and territories in Morocco; and

WHEREAS, the Amazigh autonomy was established with the goals and objectives of: honoring Amazigh rights and sovereignty; promoting prosperous, sustainable and resilient tribal communities; supporting education, tribal youth, health care and tribal justice systems; protecting and preserving Amazigh lands, natural resources and the environment; and, promoting sustainable economic development, including energy development, and tribal job creation; and



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WHEREAS, the protection of traditional cultural properties and sacred sites is necessary to each tribe's cultural preservation now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, Amazigh tribes and communities pre-existed the establishment of International boundaries; and

WHEREAS, borders created by the Morocco government failed to consider the tribal lands and territories that extend beyond the arbitrary borders placed throughout those lands and allow safe migration of Amazigh across borders; and

WHEREAS implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations will protect the rights of Amazigh border crossing for all Amagaz.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amazigh Nation of Morocco expresses its firm support for the Amazigh indigenous peoples living in Morocco as we assert our rights of self-determination and self-government, particularly our rights to our lands, territories, resources and migration routes and call on tribal Amazigh governments to pass similar resolutions of support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Amazigh Nation of Morocco hereby ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations as an indigenous nation of Morocco and establishes an Amazigh tribal government with Amazigh lands reserved as "permanent homes" for people of this Amazigh Nation of Morocco.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Amazigh call on all Amazigh governments and appropriate bodies within the Amazigh to ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations immediately and to take all necessary steps to respect, protect and fulfill all the rights of Amazigh Indigenous peoples in Morocco for autonomy and the protection of human rights .

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of Amazigh tribes in Morocco until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the leadership of the Amazigh tribes of Morocco on October 17th 2020.

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