



Turkmen of Syria ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

Whereas we, the Turkmen people of Syria, do hereby establish and submit the following:

- A. Turkmen of Syria today reside mainly in the governorates of Idlib, Aleppo and Raqqa, with others residing near the Turkmen Mountain by Latakia, in the city of Homs, in the vicinity of Hama and the southwestern governorates of Dera'a and Quneitra.
- B. The Turkmen tribes hereby freely enter into the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and related agreements with indigenous tribes, acknowledging their status as sovereign nations.
- C. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations affirms the status of Turkmen as sovereign indigenous nations and tribes and recognizes Turkmen citizens as indigenous.
- D. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations protects all general benefits that indigenous tribes, nations or governments provide to their citizens, in particular the rights of nomadic tribes to their traditional migration routes.
- E. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations affirms the right of indigenous tribes to form their own governments with jurisdiction over courts, borders, indigenous ceremonies and of tribal culture arts.
- F. Given their unique structures and communities, civic participation by Turkmen citizens is essential for Turkmeneli governmental bodies to operate and execute their general welfare responsibilities.
- G. The Turkmeneli nation agrees that crimes directed against Turkmen should be addressed through government-to-government consultation.
- H. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations protects the legal rights of citizens of nomadic tribes to their traditional migration routes as well as providing legal jurisdiction through customary courts to better protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Turkmeneli Nation shall provide honoraria to indigenous people and tribal governments for their civic participation as autonomous governmental bodies.
2. The Turkmeneli Nation hereby formally ratifies and endorses the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
3. In accordance with the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, which affirms that "indigenous peoples are equal to all other peoples, while recognizing the right of all peoples to be different, to consider themselves different and to be respected as such," and further recognizes that "Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions," the Turkmen nation of Syria shall defer to the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations as to how to define and preserve Turkmen customs, traditions, ceremonial practices and legal rights.
4. This resolution shall be the policy of Turkmeneli until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

The Turkmen national leadership ratified the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and signed the legislation into law on November 10th, 2020 of the Common Era.

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