

Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the representatives of the Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government of Algeria, declare:

- A. The Kabyle people are an ancient Amazigh ethnic nation indigenous to Kabylia in the north of Algeria, spread across the Atlas Mountains, one hundred sixty kilometers east of Algiers. We represent the largest Amazigh-speaking population of Algeria and the second largest in North Africa.
- B. During successive rule of the Romans, Byzantines, Vandals, Carthaginians and Ottomans, the indigenous Kabyle people were among the few peoples in North Africa who maintained independence. The Kabyle people resisted fiercely, to the extent that even after the Arab conquest of North Africa they still had possession over their mountains. It was not until 1857 that Kabylia as a whole, was fully and entirely conquered and subdued. Yet in fact, the movement for the autonomy of Kabylie lives on as a common vision and aspiration of the Kabyle people.
- C. The Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government was established in 2010 both within Algeria and as a government in exile for the Kabyle tribes of Amazigh. It has been actively involved in the vision involved in implementing the process of drafting and ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations since 2020.
- D. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations (ICRIN) is the first comprehensive international law to address the rights and long-term social, economic and political interests of indigenous nations like Kabyle. This concrete initiative calls upon individual indigenous nations to directly decide what role they will play in international affairs. Provisions enshrined in ICRIN include:
 - a. Peaceful resolution of conflicts and disputes between Nations and between Nations and States;
 - b. Measures concerning genocide against indigenous nations;
 - c. Protection and maintenance of cultural and biological diversity;
 - d. Protection of the lands and territories;
 - e. Protection of intellectual property; and
 - f. Procedures for resolving disputes through negotiation of treaties.
- E. We, the leadership of the Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government, have assembled to ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our Amazigh nations, rights secured under this International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, and agreements with all the Amazigh nations, and all other rights and benefits to which our nations are entitled under international laws and treaties.
- F. The Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government regard the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations as an historic statement of our rights as a nation intended to guard against genocide, theft of lands and resources, all kinds of discrimination, and the political exclusion that Amazigh and many nations have suffered – and too often continue to suffer today.
- G. The Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government believes that ratification and implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations will help us as an ancient nation to protect and advance the rights of Amazigh peoples both domestically and internationally.
- H. The Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government will not achieve its purposes without concrete actions on the part of the Amazigh Kabyle including lasting, effective institutions to monitor and encourage compliance with and implementation of the rights in the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

1. The Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government hereby urges all Kabyle tribes to ensure and advance the full and effective implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations by adopting best practices and meaningful reforms to uphold the rights of indigenous peoples of Algeria; and
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government affirms and recognizes the critical role held by indigenous constitutional and customary tribal governments of Amazigh as the direct, legitimate and accountable representatives to constituencies of indigenous peoples and tribes of Amazigh Kabyle affected by the implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations; and
3. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Amazigh Kabyle Provisional Government until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations was adopted by the leadership of the Amazigh Kabyle of Algeria on June 23, 2021 of the Common Era.

[signed]

president
Bouaziz Ait Chebib

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Bouaziz Ait Chebib', written in a cursive style.