

# Amazigh Tunisia ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the representatives of the Amazigh people of Tunisia, declare:

- A. Also called Berbers, the Amazigh define themselves as the indigenous inhabitants of North Africa since time immemorial. However, over the centuries they have shared what is today's Tunisian territory with other groups, such as Carthaginians, Romans, Ottomans, and Arabs.
- B. The Amazigh of Tunisia have been actively involved in the drafting and implementation process of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations with other tribes of Tunisia.
- C. The ratifying of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations is an historic statement of rights intended to guard against the genocide, the theft of lands and resources, all forms of discrimination, and the political exclusion that the Amazigh Tunisia nations and many other indigenous peoples too often continue to suffer today.
- D. Amazigh of Tunisia believe that implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations is critical for protecting and furthering the rights of Amazigh indigenous peoples of Tunisia and for establishing a United Amazigh Nation.
- E. Indigenous rights are still regularly violated, with indigenous peoples in all regions continuing to face atrocities that violate their individual and collective rights.
- F. The Amazigh of Tunisia firmly pledge to implement the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations with concrete actions on the part of Tunisia including lasting, effective institutions to monitor and encourage compliance with and implementation of the rights and responsibilities described in the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Amazigh Tunisia hereby formally endorses, ratifies and adopts the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amazigh Tunisia calls upon each member states to redouble their commitment to implement the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations with best practices and meaningful reforms that uphold the rights of indigenous peoples as enshrined in the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amazigh Tunisia affirms and recognizes the critical role held by indigenous constitutional and customary tribal governments as the direct and accountable representatives to constituencies of indigenous peoples and tribes for full implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of Amazigh Tunisia 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 Tunisia on 24 May 2021 of the Common Era.

[signed]

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