

Amazigh of Mali ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS, we, the Amazigh Council of Mali, representing Indigenous people who have inhabited the northern regions of Mali for thousands of years, do hereby declare:

- A. In early 2021, the Amazigh Mali Council was contacted by Amazigh Leaders of Mali to ratify and advance understanding of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations that provides for self-determination, autonomous government and other legal rights including legal jurisdiction over the development of Amazigh lands.
- B. Amazigh people of Mali have engaged in international relations worldwide and have worked with other Amazigh on asserting the inherent rights and responsibilities of our respective nations. Tribal Nations interests are not limited to our local ecosystems and environments, but extend to all of Mother Earth and creation as an interconnected and interdependent system.
- C. The Amazigh Council of Mali is reaching out to the Amazigh people of Mali, urging them to endorse the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations. This is a step towards self determination for Amazigh of Mali and the respect with which we, as Indigenous Peoples, are entitled.
- D. In late July 2021, the Amazigh of Mali together with Amagazi leaders in Morocco, Libya and Niger held a conference to establish a Confederation of Amazigh and form a government.
- E. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations will be used to establish our government. In the first six months after ratifying the Covenant we plan to:
 - a. Establish a government cabinet;
 - b. Establish legal resolutions on crimes;
 - c. Establish courts and tribunals;
 - d. Establish protocol for our government take part in international legal mechanism
 - e. Establish rights over lands and resources;
 - f. Develop a confederation treaty;
 - g. Because our worldview teaches us that humans are part of nature and that we need to live respectfully and not exploit natural resources, we will establish legal protocols over climate change and environmental crimes by states.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amazigh Mali government does hereby ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the leadership of Amazigh Mali is authorized to convey this ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations by our government and hereby signs the joint covenant with Amagazi governments so long as they are consistent with existing Amazigh resolutions on autonomy .

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of Amagazi Mali autonomy government until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Amazigh Mali autonomy government on July 27th 2021 of the Common Era

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