

East Kurdistan ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the representatives of the East Kurdistan Government in exile, in order to preserve for ourselves and for our descendants the inherent sovereign rights of our nation, rights secured under the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and agreements with other Kurdish tribes, hereby declare:

- A. East Kurdistan is a peaceful sovereign nation whose lawful government was overthrown, resulting in the country becoming occupied by the Iranian state.
- B. The East Kurdistan government in exile recognizes and accepts all the provisions of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations for autonomous tribal governments.
- C. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations recognizes the “regular and permanent status” of constitutional and customary indigenous governments such as that of East Kurdistan.
- D. The indigenous Kurdish people of East Kurdistan have the inherent sovereign right to negotiate international treaties, and desire to establish an equitable treaty on national autonomy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Kurdistan government in exile, inclusive of Kurds residing in Iran, Turkey and Syria, shall support the reconciliation of the Iranian government and the East Kurdistan government in exile

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Kurdistan government in exile affirms its commitment to implement the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations protecting the truth during the reconciliation, providing oversight, assets and resources throughout the process in order to insure an equitable reconciliation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East Kurdistan government in exile affirms its commitment to protecting the inherent sovereign rights of the Kurdish people, including the right to establish autonomous national government including a court system, manage their own land and natural resources, and engage in trade and commerce both domestically and internationally.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the East Kurdistan government in exile until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the East Kurdistan government in exile on May 22nd, 2021 of the Common Era.

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