

# ‘Abābdah Tribe of Egypt and Sudan ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the representatives of the ‘Abābdah Tribe of Egypt and Sudan, declare:

- A. We the *al-‘Abābdah* (Arabic: العبايدة) are an Indigenous tribe of eastern Egypt and the Sudan occupying the Eastern Desert south of a line between Qinā and Al-Ghardaqah, with several groups settled along the Nile between Aswān and Qinā.
- B. 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, the discrimination, and the political exclusion that the ‘Abābdah and many others have suffered – and too often continue to suffer today.
- C. The senior leadership of al-‘Abābdah has been actively involved in the drafting of this document since 2020 with the aim of establishing the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations as an integral part of ‘Abābdah tribal laws.
- D. The ‘Abābdah nation recognizes the critical role held by our indigenous tribal government as the direct and accountable representatives to constituencies of indigenous tribes of Egypt and the Sudan in the implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
- E. The ‘Abābdah leadership believes that implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations is critical for protecting and furthering the rights of indigenous peoples both domestically and internationally.
- F. The ‘Abābdah nation will achieve its aims through concrete actions on the part of its autonomous government including lasting, effective institutions to monitor and encourage compliance with and implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The ‘Abābdah tribal leadership hereby formally ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
2. The ‘Abābdah shall form a tribal union to lay the groundwork to fully implement the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
3. Through ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, the ‘Abābdah nation reaffirms its commitment to implement its provisions through best practices and meaningful reforms and to uphold the rights of ‘Abābdah people as enshrined therein.
4. This resolution shall be the policy of the ‘Abābdah nation until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing ratification was adopted by the leadership of the ‘Abābdah Tribe of Egypt on October 20, 2021 of the Common Era.

[signed]

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