

al-Qaddafi Tribe of Libya ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the representatives of the al-Qaddafi tribe of Libya, declare:

- A. The Qadhahfa (also al-Qaddafi, Gaddadfa, Qaddadfa, Gaddafa; Arabic: القذافنة) is one of the three branches of the Houara tribe, living in the Sirte District in present-day northwestern Libya. They are traditionally counted amongst the country's Ashraf tribes, and during the Gaddafi regime were regarded as being one of the greatest and most powerful tribes in the whole country. They are now mostly centered at Qasr Abu Hadi, Sirte.
- B. The al-Qaddafi tribe is one of the Arabs tribes in Libya descended from great grandfather named Mousa Al Kadim living in the Sirte District in present-day northwestern Libya, our autonomy government was established as part of three Houara tribes.
- C. 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 al-Qaddafi of Libya. 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.
- D. Since June 2020 the al-Qaddafi tribal government has been actively involved in discussing and drafting this document ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
- E. The al-Qaddafi tribe of Libya regards the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations as an historic statement of our rights as indigenous nations intended to guard against genocide, theft of lands and resources, all kinds of discrimination, and the political exclusion that indigenous al-Qaddafi tribe of Libya have suffered – and too often continue to suffer today.
- F. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations describes the legal standards for the survival of indigenous nations with dignity and establishes their rights to autonomous self-government under international law.
- G. The Qaddafi tribal government believes that implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations by tribal assemblies and other tribal bodies is critical for protecting and furthering Indigenous rights of Qaddafi both domestically and internationally.
- H. The al-Qaddafi tribe of Libya has the opportunity to set an example for other nations and states, and other governmental bodies within Libya regarding the importance of observing the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, based upon the specific circumstances and traditions of individual tribal nations.
- I. The al-Qaddafi tribal government has already begun to set such an example by adopting Resolutions affirming its support for the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and implementing related policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

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1. The al-Qaddafi tribe of Libya hereby formally endorses and ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, and commits to undertaking efforts to encourage its implementation in all aspects of al-Qaddafi tribal life.
2. The al-Qaddafi Executive Council hereby issues an executive order creating a Commission on Implementation of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations that shall include tribal members and other experts who shall be charged with developing a national action plan to implement the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
3. The aforesaid Commissioner shall:
 - a. Serve as head of mission and coordinate all Qaddafi representation in international engagements regarding indigenous affairs, and in bilateral and multilateral diplomacy with other national governments;
 - b. Assist in providing Qaddafi tribal communities and others with information about global processes and opportunities to participate in talks and other international forums;
 - c. Consult with tribal nations consistent with the principles set forth in the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations regarding free, prior, and informed consent, and coordinate with tribes and their government and agencies regarding positions on indigenous affairs that the Qaddafi presents to the tribal government;
 - d. Address Qaddafi peoples' rights to international repatriation of human remains, ceremonial objects, and cultural heritage, through direct negotiations.
4. The Qaddafi government shall apply the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations as tribal law as befitting the Tribe's specific circumstances and needs.
5. This resolution shall be the policy of the Qaddafi tribal 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 al-Qaddafi tribe of Libya on June 27th 2021 of the Common Era.

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