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Covenant of Mandaean National Sovereignty under the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

Framing governmental mechanisms to preserve Mandaean culture and sovereign rights under international law

WHEREAS WE, the members of the ancient Mandaean nation of Iraq, have joined in agreement to protect our ancient way our life, including our religious beliefs and practices, land rights, ancient language and culture, affirming our sovereign rights secured under this International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and all other rights and benefits to which we are entitled under international law as a sovereign nation, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mandaean nation established in the First Century C.E. is among the oldest of Iraq's indigenous communities in Iraq that have maintained autonomous tribal government since the time of its first settlement; and

WHEREAS, misguided federal policies of the Iraqi government have stripped away Mandaean tribal lands, human rights protection and religious freedom; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these policies, all Mandaeans face inequities such land theft, human rights abuse and religious persecution, Mandaeans do hereby adopt this Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and implement its policies; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for tribes to devise strategies that strengthen their lands, agriculture, food systems, religion economies, and protect their human rights on national and international levels; and

WHEREAS, Mandaean governmental bodies aim to regain control over and govern our ancestral lands, resources and citizens by uniting to sign this Covenant on the rights of indigenous nations; and

WHEREAS, under this Covenant, the Mandaean nation may exercise sovereign governmental policies for its citizens, exercising sovereignty under international laws;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mandaeans endorse this International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations on the exercise of sovereign rights as it relates to government, protection of land, national resources and food systems, and affirms their sovereign right to support their citizens through policies protecting the environment, promoting and growing traditional foods and adopting policies that support Mandaean sovereignty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mandaeans support to strengthen our sovereign food systems through efforts to prioritize traditional foods, support producers with government agriculture programs and subsidies, and support the legal rights, land management, control over food, nutrition, and food production programs for every Mandaean community; and

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

Signed by Rishema Sattar Jabbar

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