

# Pashtun Tribes of Afghanistan ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the representatives of the Pashtun tribes of Afghanistan, declare:

- A. The Pashtun tribes of Afghanistan are divided into four tribal confederacies: the Sarbani (سرپڼي); the Bettani(بېټني); the Gharghashti (غرغښتي); and the Karlani (کرلاني).
- B. Violence directed at Pashtun tribes continues at epidemic levels on many tribal territories and communities and is culturally, legally and morally an impermissible state of affairs.
- C. Women who are economically vulnerable are also often subject to this type of violence with the current system of justice in Afghanistan failing to adequately protect Indigenous people.
- D. The Pashtun have for centuries consistently supported Pashtun autonomy.
- E. Key provisions of the Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations include restoration of tribal jurisdiction over violence directed at Pashtun tribes that occurs within the boundaries of tribal lands and the protection of religious rights, cultural heritage and tribal resources.
- F. Tribal governments will provide jurisdiction in support of tribal courts.
- G. Recent events in Afghanistan have exposed the vulnerability of the Pashtun people, citing, among other things, the restoration of Tribal jurisdiction as a stumbling block to reauthorization.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that our Pashtun tribes join as one Pashtun Confederation in ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations that gives tribes criminal jurisdiction and authority to prosecute all persons who commit war crimes on tribal lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the calls on tribal Congress on August 17th 2021 held its first meeting to immediately that includes some form of the Tribal criminal jurisdiction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations include specific protections for Pashtun tribes for developing our own tribal courts, tribunal treaties and legal mechanisms.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Pashtun tribes until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Pashtun tribes on November 15th

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