

Turkmen Tribes of ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

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

- A. The Turkmen are divided into four tribal confederacies: the Pakistan's Turkmen the Afghanistan Turkmen, ; the Iran Turkmen, and the Iraq,
- B. Violence directed at Turkmen 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 to protect the Turkmen and failing to adequately protect Indigenous people.
- D. The Turkmen have for centuries consistently supported Turkmen autonomy.
- E. Key provisions of the Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations include restoration of tribal jurisdiction over violence directed at Turkmen 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 Turkmen people, citing, among other things, the restoration of Tribal jurisdiction as a stumbling block to reauthorization.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that our Turkmen tribes join as one Turkmen 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 Turkmen 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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of the Turkmen tribes until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Turkmen tribes on November 15th 2021.

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