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## ARTICLE 1 – DESIGNATION AS AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY

The Yezidi people of Afrin Syria, as an expression of their cultural identity and in order to accede to self-government, hereby constitute themselves as an Autonomous Community of indigenous people under the jurisdiction of the Nation of Ezidikhan in accordance with the Ezidikhan Constitution and with this Statute which lays down the basic institutional rules of the Autonomous Community of Ezidikhan of Afrin, Syria.

## ARTICLE 2 – TERRITORIES AND JURISDICTION

Section 1 - The following territorial areas are entitled to form part of the Autonomous Community of the Ezidikhan Afrin Syria:

Abu Jarad Afrin	Alaresh	Antariye	Awgira	Baflun	Basufan
Berzan	Bur Said	Chava	Chelhumkiye	Chetele	Derdere



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Dogerki	Drechik	Feqira	Gondor	Gumar	Gumar Gharbi
Hasheri	Jdeyde	Jidale	Kerengo	Khan Temir	Khirbet Batana
Khirbet Dilan	Khirbet Feqira	Khirbet Jamal	Khirbet Khazal	Khirbet Khidir	Khirbet KhweKulye
Lizga	Mehek	Mehmudiye	Merekis	Merkeb	Mizgeft
Morik	Mozko	Nasriye	Otelja	Qastel Jindo	Qatma
Qibar	Qislachuk	Slemankiye	Sheikh Hmud	Shirkan	Shukriye
Tell Aswad	Tell Beydar	Tell Eliye	Tell Hishk	Tell Khanzir	Tell Khatun
Tell Naif	Tell Sakhar	Tell Tawil	Tolko Mi ki	Zeydiye	

Section 2 - The territory of the Autonomous Community shall comprise the historic territories that coincide with the above-mentioned areas, respecting their present boundaries, and if the province of Afrin decides to join in accordance with the procedure described in the Ezidikhan Constitution, then Afrin shall become part of the territory of the Autonomous Community.

Section 3 - Each of the Historic Territories that make up the Ezidikhan Afrin Syria Autonomous Community may, within the framework of the same, preserve or, where appropriate, re-establish and bring up to date their organization and such institutions as are exclusively concerned with self-government. This Statute shall serve as the Community's legal statute and as a legal extension of Ezidikhan Constitution. The



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Constitution of the Nation of Ezidikhan shall serve as the supreme law of the Autonomous Community.

Section 4 - The designation of the seat of the common institutions of the Autonomous Community shall be affected through a law adopted by the Ezidikhan government and shall lie within the territory of the Autonomous Community.

## ARTICLE 3 – COMPOSITION, POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY

Section 1 – The Government of the Autonomous Community of Ezidikhan of Afrin Syria as described in Article 13 of the Nation of Ezidikhan Constitution and as stated in this Statute is composed as following:

1. A representative from each of the above stated areas and all areas subsequently added or created shall be selected in the traditional manner for that area;
2. The total number of representatives selected shall form the Tribal Council for the Autonomous Community;
3. The Tribal Council shall form from amongst itself an Administrative Committee that shall be tasked with the implementation of the decisions and established programs of the Tribal Council; and
4. The Tribal Council shall designate the duties, responsibilities and titles of each member of the Administrative Committee and the means and mechanisms by which they will be put into effect.

Section 2 – The Tribal Council of the Autonomous Community of Ezidikhan of Afrin Syria shall have right to adopt laws, policies and guidelines relative to the following, provided that any adopted law, policy or guideline is in alignment and accordance with the Constitution of the Nation of Ezidikhan:

1. Organization of the Administration of the Autonomous Community;
2. Personal, family and property relations;
3. Regional, urban and rural planning development;



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4. Economic, social and tourism development;
5. Educational policies; and
6. Such other powers, duties and authorities designated and granted by the Constitution of the Nation of Ezidikhan.

Section 3 – All other powers and duties not herein designated are reserved for the Government of the Nation of Ezidikhan.

Section 4 – The Central Government of the Nation of Ezidikhan shall not interfere with the powers of the Ezidikhan Nation of Afrin Syria unless requested by Ezidikhan tribal leadership as stated in the Constitution of the Ezidikhan Nation.

## ARTICLE 5 – RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Section 1 - The fundamental rights and duties of the citizens of Ezidikhan are those established in the Constitution of the Nation of Ezidikhan.

Section 2 - The Ezidikhan Afrin Syria public authorities, in the areas lying within their jurisdiction, shall:

1. Watch over and guarantee the proper exercise of citizens' fundamental rights and duties;
2. Put particular emphasis on improving living and working conditions;
3. Adopt measures that will help to promote higher employment and economic stability;
4. Adopt measures aimed at promoting favourable conditions and removing obstacles such that the freedom and equality of the individual and any groups formed are effective and real; and
5. Make possible the participation of all citizens in the political, economic and social life of the Autonomous Community of Ezidikhan Afrin Syria.

Section 3 – For the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the rights and protection of the Yezidi people, the Administration of the Autonomous Community of Ezidikhan Afrin Syria may request consideration and adoptions of such treaties and agreements by the



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Government of the Nation of Ezidikhan that will make it possible to establish cultural relations with other States or Nations.

## ARTICLE 6 – RESIDENCY AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

Section 1 - For the purposes of this Statute, the political status of the Ezidikhan Afrin Syria shall be accorded to all those who are officially residents, according to the General Laws of the Ezidikhan, in any of the municipalities belonging to the territory of the Autonomous Community.

Section 3 - Persons residing abroad and their descendants, who specifically request it, shall enjoy the same political rights as those living in the Ezidikhan Afrin Syria if their last legal residence in Ezidikhan Syria was in any of the municipalities belonging to the territory of the Autonomous Community and provided they retain their Yezidi nationality.

Section 4 - Other territories or municipalities situated entirely within the territory of the Autonomous Community of the Ezidikhan Afrin Syria may be added to it by fulfilling the following requirements:

1. Membership must be requested by the Town Council or a majority of the Town Councils concerned and a hearing must be given to the Community or province to which the Territories or Municipalities to be added belong;
2. The inhabitants of the Territory or Municipality concerned must express their agreement by means of a referendum expressly called for this purpose. Such a referendum must be duly authorized by the competent authority and passed by a majority of validly cast votes;
3. It must be passed by the Administration of the Ezidikhan Afrin Syria and subsequently by the Parliament of the Nation of Ezidikhan; and,
4. If for reasons out of their control, the Parliament of the Nation of Ezidikhan is unable to meet to approve the addition of the new territory, the Administration of Ezidikhan Afrin Syria may adopt a subsequent resolution indicating that it shall act as if the territory was added until such time as the Parliament of Ezidikhan can act.



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## ARTICLE 7 – JUDICIAL AUTHORITY

Section 1 - The judicial authorities in the Autonomous Community of Ezidikhan Syria shall be composed of a Tribal Court as detailed in Article 8 of the Constitution of the Nation of Ezidikhan.

## ARTICLE 8 – DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Section 1. The Autonomous Community may conclude agreements with other entities for the management and provision of services falling under their exclusive jurisdiction. The concluding of such agreements must be communicated to the Nation of Ezidikhan government Council before they become effective. If the Council should express objections, within the thirty days from receipt of the communication, the agreement must be submitted to the Parliament for review and a decision. Once this period has lapsed and no objections to the agreement have been expressed, it shall come into effect.

## ARTICLE 9—ADOPTION

This Constitution is hereby adopted by a vote of the tribal leadership of the Yazidi nation of Ezidikhan of Syria on October 17th 2020 of the Common Era.

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