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Hmong Declaration on the Right to Development, Security and Freedoms

Preamble

The Hmong People,

Affirmed to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Declaration on the Right to Development, the Millennium Declaration and international human rights law,

Experiencing the situation of national, regional and international turmoil and armed conflicts causing destruction to Hmong homeland and properties, loss of lives, displacement, suffering and sorrow,

Recognizing the historic conditions of suppression, persecution, force assimilation and genocide,

Recognizing the conditions of children being threatened, abducted, tortured, raped or killed,

Recognizing the conditions of on-going atrocities and war crimes in an internal conflict not of international character,

Recognizing the conditions of discrimination, economic marginalization and confiscation of properties,

Recognizing the conditions of involuntary or enforced disappearances and held without trial,

Recognizing the conditions of forced deportation of internationally recognized refugees despite international appeals,

Recognizing the conditions of terrorizing, hunting down, killings, threatening and the use of force against peaceful protesters,

Express the sense of the above situations be constituted as grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Express the sense of the above situations as matter of urgency and required international intervention,

Resolved and solemnly proclaims of the following as Hmong Declaration on the Right to Development, Security and Freedoms in mutual respect and understanding:

Article 1

Self-determination

Hmong people have the right to exercise the right to self-determination in accordance to and in conformity with international law.

Article 2

Economic, Social, and Cultural Development

Hmong people have the right to freely determine their political status and to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development in accordance to international declarations and rights.

Article 3

Development of Self-government

Hmong people have the right to develop self-government, establish jurisdiction and institutions to govern territories and lands which they have occupied or inhabited.

Article 4

Development is an inalienable Right

The Right to Development is an inalienable and universal human right; Hmong people shall have this same right.

Article 5

Boundaries and Natural Wealth

Hmong people have the right to defined boundaries, territories or lands and to possess natural wealth and resources to be used for their own development.

Article 6

National Identity

Hmong people have the right to separately declare their race or national identity in territories or lands in which they occupied or inhabited without prohibition or restriction.

Article 7

Freedom of Expression

Hmong people have the right to freedom of expression on any issues or matters which pertains to them in writing or in speech, in public or in private.

Article 8

Freedom of Association and Assembly

Hmong people have the right to freedom of association and assembly to formulate doctrines, beliefs, political or civil agendas.

Article 9

Freedom of Thought, Conscience and Religion

Hmong people have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief and be able to worship, teach, practice and in observance freely.

Article 10

Freedom of Movement

Hmong people have the right to freedom of movement in local, national and international traveling in promoting freedoms, human rights, peace and non-violence or on security issues of concern to individuals, group or race.

Article 11

Religious Freedom

Hmong people, as individuals or as a group, have the right not to be forced to confess to or renounce their faith on the basis of religious freedom.

Article 12

Torture, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Hmong people, as individuals or as a group, have the right not to be subjected to torture, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 13

Involuntary or Enforce Disappearances

Hmong people, as individuals or as a group, have the right not to be subjected to involuntary or enforce disappearances.

Article 14

Extrajudicial Killings

Hmong people, individuals or as group, shall not be subjected to extrajudicial executions, summary executions, arbitrary arrest or detentions without due process.

Article 15

Right to Defend and Protect

Hmong people have the right to acquire the necessary means to defend and protect itself from State acts of aggression, invasion or attacks from the use of military forces as to cause serious harms or destruction to their properties, individuals, group or race.

Article 16

Peace and Security

Hmong people have the right to peace and security as a person, group or race.

Article 17

The Court of Justice

Hmong people reserved the right to indict those responsible for genocide and war crimes in an International Court of justice.

Article 18

Non-discrimination

Hmong people have the right not be subjected to any forms of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, language, religion or belief.

Article 19

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

Hmong people have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in accordance to their beliefs, principles or practices.

Article 20

To be Independent

Hmong people have the right to be independent, to live as such, preserve their culture, heritage, to enjoy their ways of life and traditional ways of up-bringing.

Article 21

Equal Rights, Equal Opportunity and Freedoms of Choice

Hmong people will adhere, promote to the principle of peace, equal rights, equal opportunity, and freedoms of choice.

To this end,

In the spirit of friendly relations among peoples, nations and States, the Hmong people of Asia Region urges for international recognition, support, co-operation, and assistance in all elements contained and expressed in this Declaration.

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