



# WORLD HEREDITARY COUNCIL

The Restoration of Indigenous Leadership

## Treaty to Establish A World Hereditary Council

### Preamble

We, the Hereditary and First Nations Leaders, united in our commitment to honour our Ancestors, preserve Ancient Wisdom, and safeguard the future of our Earth, do hereby establish the **World Hereditary Council**.

The **World Hereditary Council** shall serve as a sacred circle where our diverse voices harmonise to foster peace, uphold justice, nurture compassion, strengthen our connection with all life, and cultivate sustainable prosperity in harmony with nature.

Acknowledging the inherent dignity and inalienable rights of all living beings, bestowed by the very nature of existence and the sacred act of creation, we recognise our role as stewards of these universal principles.

### Article I: Fundamental Principles

The **World Hereditary Council** shall be guided by the following principles:

1. Truth: We commit to honesty and transparency in all our dealings.
2. Right Action: We pledge to act in ways that honour our ancestors and benefit future generations.
3. Communication: We vow to listen deeply and speak with clarity and respect.
4. Compassion: We promise to approach all matters with empathy and understanding.
5. Interconnectedness: We recognise the intrinsic connection between all living beings and the Earth.

### Article II: Participation

1. Participation in the **World Hereditary Council** shall be open to all Hereditary and First Nations Leaders who:





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- a. Can demonstrate their hereditary leadership status within their community.
  - b. Commit to upholding the principles and objectives of this Council.
  - c. Pledge to actively participate in Council activities and decision-making processes.
2. Applications for participation shall be reviewed by existing Council members, with admission granted by consensus.
3. Participants may voluntarily withdraw from the Council at any time by submitting written notice.
4. The Council may, by consensus, ask a participant to step back if their actions are found to be in serious violation of this treaty, subject to a fair hearing based in natural justice.

### Article III: Code of Respect and Conduct

1. All participants shall treat each other with utmost respect, honouring the diversity of traditions and perspectives within the Council.
2. Participants shall actively listen to and consider the viewpoints of all Council members.
3. The Council shall strive for consensus in its deliberations, honouring the harmonious decision-making practices of our ancestors.
4. Participants shall maintain the confidentiality of sensitive Council discussions when required.
5. All participants shall serve as ambassadors of the Council's principles within their communities and beyond.

### Article IV: Gatherings and Coordination

1. The World Hereditary Council shall convene at least once annually on a date of spiritual significance, to be determined by consensus.
2. Additional gatherings may be called as needed, with proper notice given to all participants.
3. The Council shall be supported by a Secretariat, responsible for:





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- a. Facilitating communication among participants
  - b. Maintaining records of Council wisdom and decisions
  - c. Supporting the implementation of Council initiatives
  - d. Managing logistical matters for gatherings
4. The Council may establish working groups to address specific issues or projects.

### Article V: Scope of Influence and Responsibilities

The **World Hereditary Council**, drawing upon the profound wisdom and time-honoured traditions of our ancestors, recognises its role in addressing the interconnected challenges facing our peoples and our shared Earth. In this spirit, the Council sets forth its areas of influence and responsibilities:

1. **Wisdom and Guidance:** The Council serves as a repository of ancestral knowledge, offering insights on harmonious coexistence with nature and sustainable practices that benefit all of humanity.
2. **Cultural Preservation:** We are committed to safeguarding and revitalising the diverse cultural heritage of First Nations Peoples, including languages, traditions, and spiritual practices.
3. **Environmental Stewardship:** The Council promotes responsible care for Earth, advocating for practices that maintain ecological balance and address global environmental concerns.
4. **Peace-making and Reconciliation:** We strive to facilitate dialogue and understanding, both among First Nations Peoples and with other global communities, fostering peace and healing historical wounds.
5. **Sustainable Development:** The Council encourages economic practices that align with traditional values of respect for the Earth and equitable distribution of resources.
6. **Health and Well-being:** We support holistic approaches to health that integrate traditional healing practices with contemporary medical knowledge.
7. **Education and Knowledge Transmission:** The Council promotes educational initiatives that honour Indigenous ways of knowing and support intergenerational learning.





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8. Self-determination: We uphold the inherent right of First Nations Peoples to self-governance and participation in decisions affecting their lands and communities.
9. International Cooperation: The Council seeks to engage with global institutions and forums, contributing Indigenous perspectives to international dialogues on pressing world issues.
10. Research and Innovation: We encourage ethical research practices and innovations that respect Indigenous knowledge and benefit First Nations communities.
11. Conflict Transformation: The Council offers traditional methods of dispute resolution and peacekeeping, drawing on ancestral customs for maintaining harmony.
12. Resource Stewardship: We promote responsible management of natural resources, balancing use with conservation for future generations.
13. Ancestral Connections: The Council recognises the profound spiritual and cultural ties between First Nations Peoples and their traditional territories. We endeavour to:
  - a. Facilitate dialogues that honour historical connections to ancestral lands.
  - b. Promote understanding of traditional resource management practices.
  - c. Support processes of healing and reconnection with ancestral spaces.
  - d. Encourage the acknowledgment and respect of First Nations' historical and ongoing relationships with their territories.
14. Collaborative Understandings: The Council recognises the value of unified action while respecting the autonomy of each First Nation. In this spirit, the Council may:
  - a. Facilitate the development of collective wisdom among its participants.
  - b. Foster consensual frameworks for cooperation on matters of shared concern.
  - c. Support the implementation of mutually beneficial initiatives.
  - d. Encourage the voluntary adoption of common principles and practices.
15. Harmonious Resolution of Differences: In acknowledgment of the diverse perspectives within our communities, the Council may:





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- a. Establish forums for respectful dialogue and the exchange of viewpoints.
- b. Offer traditional and contemporary methods of conflict transformation.
- c. Create spaces for mediation and reconciliation.
- d. Develop culturally appropriate processes for addressing complex issues.

16. In pursuing these responsibilities, the **World Hereditary Council** may:

- a. Convene gatherings and forums to facilitate knowledge sharing and collective decision-making.
- b. Form working groups to address specific areas of concern.
- c. Engage in dialogue with various stakeholders, including governments, international organisations, and civil society.
- d. Issue declarations and recommendations reflecting the collective wisdom of the Council.
- e. Support initiatives and projects aligned with the Council's objectives.
- f. Foster partnerships and collaborations that further the well-being of First Nations Peoples and the Earth.
- g. Provide a forum for sharing experiences and strategies related to land and resource stewardship.
- h. Offer traditional knowledge to inform discussions on sustainable land use and conservation.
- i. Facilitate cultural exchanges that strengthen connections to ancestral territories.
- j. Establish advisory bodies to offer guidance on traditional methods of dispute resolution.
- k. Support the documentation and sharing of best practices in community-led conflict transformation.

The Council reaffirms that its influence stems from the moral authority and ancestral wisdom of its participants, representing sovereign First Nations. We seek to guide and inspire rather than impose, recognising that true change comes through understanding, respect, and voluntary cooperation.





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Any collective understandings or shared initiatives emerging from the Council's work are offered in a spirit of unity and mutual support, with the understanding that their adoption and implementation remain subject to the established decision-making processes of individual sovereign Nations.

In all its endeavours, the Council seeks to embody the principles of respect, consent, and harmonious cooperation that have guided our peoples since time immemorial.

### Article VI: Establishment of the World Hereditary Council Secretariat

1. The **World Hereditary Council** hereby establishes a permanent Secretariat to support the Council in fulfilling its mission and facilitating its endeavours.
2. The Secretariat shall serve as the administrative and operational arm of the Council, providing ongoing support to its members and initiatives.
3. The Secretariat shall:
  - a) Coordinate communication among Council members and with external entities.
  - b) Organise and facilitate Council meetings, conferences, and events.
  - c) Manage documentation, including records of Council decisions and activities.
  - d) Support the implementation of Council initiatives and projects.
  - e) Conduct research and provide analysis on matters relevant to the Council's mission.
  - f) Manage financial resources and prepare budgets for Council approval.
  - g) Facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices among Council members.
  - h) Assist in the development of Council policies and strategies.
4. The Secretariat shall be accountable to the Council and shall provide regular reports on its activities, financial management, and progress on Council initiatives.
5. The structure and functions of the Secretariat shall be subject to periodic review and may be adapted as needed to best serve the evolving needs of the Council and its members, in accordance with the principles set forth in this Treaty.





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## Article VII: Amendments

1. This treaty may be amended by consensus of the Council participants.
2. Proposed amendments must be circulated to all participants at least one full moon cycle prior to deliberation.

## Article VIII: Affirmation

This treaty shall come into effect upon affirmation by the founding participants of the **World Hereditary Council**.

By affirming below, we commit ourselves to the principles, responsibilities, and vision set forth in this Treaty, uniting our voices for the benefit of our Peoples, our Earth, and all future generations.

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[Affirmation lines for founding participants]

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Date: [Insert Date of Affirmation Ceremony]

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Location: [Insert Sacred Site of Affirmation Ceremony]





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