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On the auspicious occasion of the 27th International Conference, the World Sindhi Congress (WSC) is honoured to present the following resolutions for approval of this august gathering:

1. Right to Self Determination

This Conference requests the International Community to recognize and help to resolve the issue of right of self-determination of Sindhi and all the constituent nations of Pakistan under the auspices of United Nations Organisation.

2. Integrity of Sindh

WSC expresses its deep resentment on recent demand of more provinces in Sindh by MQM. WSC feels that both PPP and MQM are befooling their constituencies by promoting ethnic hatred and acrimony among the permanent residents of Sindh. WSC urged peace loving people of Sindhi and Urdu speaking communities to defeat all such designs of dividing them and thrusting a communal conflict in Sindh that serves cheap desires of ruling elites of Pakistan. WSC believes that Sindh is not an administrative unit but a historic entity which cannot be divided at the whim of an opportunist group. WSC believes that people of Sindh will protect the integrity of Sindh at any cost.

3. Extra Judicial Killings, Abductions, arrests of and Attacks on Sindhi Nationalists

Sindhi nationalists and other political activists have always been a target of the security apparatus of Pakistani establishment. Things haven't changed even in the current new government: Extra judicial killings and involuntary disappearances continue to be a norm in Sindh. Recently we have witnessed the brutal extra judicial murders of many valiant sons of Sindh. Sarvech Pirzado, Wajid Langah, Karim Memon, Fahim Bhutto, Syed Paryal Shah, Waheed Lashari, Roshan Brohi, Asif Panhwar and Raja Dahir Bhambro , are only few such cases. A number of other nationalist workers have been abducted by security agencies. Suhail Bhatti, Jimi Tunio, Allah Wadhayo Mahar and Naveed Mirani. , and several others have been disappeared.

Therefore, this august house resolves and demands of the governments of Sindh and Pakistan to

- Stop kidnapping, killing and attacking Sindhi nationalists and other political workers and activists.
- Conduct a judicial inquiry into the incidents of extra judicial killings
- Declare whereabouts of all the missing and illegally detained people and produce them in a court of law if they are accused.
- Protect the life and liberty of all the citizens, including the ones who are engaged in a peaceful struggle for the rights of their land and people.

4. Indigenous Bheel, Meghwaar and Coastal Communities

This Conference expresses its grave concern over induced fundamentalism in Sindh, which has centuries old traditions of religious tolerance and peaceful co-existence, so much so that Mulsim and Non-Muslims share the same graveyard.

The Conference specially expressed its concern on the plight and helplessness of indigenous Hindu and Bheel communities who are being targeted to migrate from Sindh.

- It is, therefore resolved that the Sindh and Pakistan governments take immediate steps to restore religious peace and harmony in Sindh and give exemplary punishments to the perpetrators involved in acts of religious bigotry and violence.
- It is also resolved that Bhooro Bheel's family, especially his children be compensated adequately both financially and socially.

5. Violence against Indigenous Sindhi Hindus

This House condemns the continuous atrocities against Sindhi Hindus, particularly targeting women and girls, who are being indiscriminately abducted, raped and forcibly converted.

In last year scores of such incidents occurred. In recent months, the violence has taken a turn for worse, in last two months Hawa Meghwar, Lachmi Meghwar and Reshma Kolhi were forcibly abducted and raped. The first two were then killed and the third committed suicide. There is a lack of security of religious places of Hindu community. In last year numerous incidents of attack and vandalism were reported.

Therefore this Conference demands that perpetrators of these crimes should be brought to justice and the safety and dignity of Sindhi Hindus and other religious minorities be ensured.

6. Proliferation of Extremism in Pakistan

WSC Condemn the recent rise of systematic extremism in Pakistan. This state sponsored proliferation in Sindh has resulted in the extreme attacks on peace loving and secular people on Northern Sindh. A recent suicide attack on a Shia procession in Jacobabad, killing at least 26 mourners, including children. This attack happened after a similar attack on an imambargah in Shikarpur, a district adjacent to Jacobabad, in January this year that killed over 57 people.

7. Nuclear Power Plant in Karachi

WSC condemn Pakistan government agreement with China's investors to build Nuclear Power Plants. Sindh will be the test bed for nuclear technologies which has been never tested anywhere. There has been no environmental and emission impacts analysis undertaken. The ill conceived project can result in a disastrous accident and can decimate thousands of people in Karachi and adjoining areas. WSC also condemns the plan of dumping Nuclear Waste in Dadu and Thatta coastal areas of Sindh which have become vulnerable to a tragic disaster.

8. Draconian Laws

This Conference condemns Pakistan's new draconian laws passed only to further reinforce the state control over citizens' lives and liberty under the pretext of combating terrorism.

In October 2013, the government promulgated an ordinance known as *Pakistan Protection Act*, later made a law through an Act of Parliament. The draconian law extends extraordinary powers to the law enforcement authorities (LEA). Now LEA can enter and search any premises without warrant, confiscate any property without permission from any lawful authority, detain suspects up to three months and even shoot on sight. The LEA can obtain information on the alleged suspects by all authoritarian and anti-civil liberty means, such as intercepting phone calls, texts and emails. This law is a sheer violation of the constitution of the country and international obligations on human rights.

WSC believes that the black law negates all fundamental rights of citizen and therefore, it is resolved that the Pakistan government should

- Repeal the aforementioned Act and other similar laws immediately.
- Not to promulgate any such Acts in future and all the legislation be passed by the Parliament.

9. Education

This Conference expresses its serious concern over rapid deterioration of education in Sindh. The lack of education facilities right from the Primary school to University and rampant corruption in the education department has ruined the education of Sindh annihilating future of Sindhi nation

It is, therefore, resolved that

- Education emergency should be declared in Sindh and corrupt elements should be purged from the department to salvage education of Sindh.
- All education institutions particularly Higher Educational institutions be funded sufficiently and given administrative and academic autonomy.

10. Bad Governance, Lack of Development Programmes and Employment Opportunities:

WSC believes that governance in Sindh has attained the state of a crisis. Sindh has been deprived of resources for development by successive governments and the meager resources allocated for development are being embezzled with complete disregard of civilized norms of governance. The problem is further complemented by a crippling law and order situation. As a result of these factors human development in Sindh has touched rock bottom, economic activities are at halt, unemployment among youth is spiraling and poverty has reached at alarming levels.

Therefore, this Conference resolves and calls upon the current governments in Sindh and Pakistan to immediately address governance issues, restore law and order and allocated substantial resources in development projects to generate employment and improve quality of life in Sindh.

11. Protecting the Demography of Sindh

The Conference resolves and calls upon the government to recognise and protect the inalienable right of the indigenous people on their land and its resources. All illegal immigration be repatriated to their native countries and provinces. Altering demography of Sindh will have devastating impacts on Sindhis by depriving them from their right to rule on their own land.

12. Language and Culture: This House resolves that the:

- Constitution be amended to declare all the Pakistan languages as the national languages and not just Urdu as it is now.
- Sindhi Language should be adopted as official language of Sindh.
- Sindhi Medium schools in Sindh, particularly Karachi be restored and Sindhi medium be adopted at all levels in Sindh as was the case in pre-partition Sindh.
- Sindhi language be given its due share in the government controlled electronic media.

13. Enforced Disappearances and Extrajudicial Killings of Baloch People

A full-fledged military operation continues unabated in Balochistan since last eight years, during which thousands of Baloch political leaders, activists, writers and journalists have been forcibly disappeared by security agencies. Mutilated and tortured bodies of hundreds of kidnapped activists are dumped.

Therefore, this august house demands to stop human rights crimes against Baloch people.

14. Extrajudicial Killing, Harassment of Human Rights Defenders and Curbs on Civil society Work in Pakistan

Conference condemn the murder of Sabeen Mahmood, Rashid Rehman and others . WSC also condemn the demonizing and putting curbs on the work of civil society that has been voicing on the issues of

human rights in Pakistan. The organization striving for rights of citizens are being victimized and terrorized through coercive means.

15. The Separation of Religion and State Affairs

WSC believes that the Pakistani constitution provides a basis of extremism and discrimination by intertwining religion and state affairs. Therefore, the Conference resolves and calls for separation of religion from the state affairs in Pakistan.

16. Human Rights Violations and International Community

The Conference resolves and calls upon the international community to thoroughly investigate and monitor the human rights violations in Pakistan, especially with regards to religious minorities, women, civil liberties, freedom of expression, right to participate freely in the election process, the right to life and liberty and the cultural and linguistic rights.

About The World Sindhi Congress (WSC): WSC is based in the UK, USA, Canada, and Sindh and is one of the most prominent human rights advocacy organizations for Sindh and Sindhis. The main objective of WSC is to create a better understanding within the international community about the persecuted status of Sindhis in Pakistan and about the Sindhi people's struggle for human rights, including the right to self-determination. WSC is a registered company in the UK and the USA, and is organized to carry out non-profit activities. For more information, visit www.worldsindhicongress.org