**Topic:** The Question of Kurdish Independence

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*Recognizes* Kurdistan or Greater Kurdistan as a geo-cultural territory in Western Asia where the Kurdish people form a prominent majority population and the Kurdish culture, languages, and national identity have historically been based.

*Acknowledges* that the Kurdish-Turkish conflict has been ongoing for over 5 and a half years after a failed attempt at peace from 2012-2015 however the initial conflict started in 1978.

*Recognizes* self-determination as the process by which a country determines its own statehood and forms its own government.

*Alarmed* by the ongoing and past loss of life and its effects to this day.

*Alarmed* by the increase in civil unrest in and surrounding the area of Kurdistan and how that affects education, food security, water security etc.

*Concerned by* the current civil war taking place in Syria and the Kurdish participation within.

*Deeply Concerned* by the number of human rights abuses on all sides of the conflicts including but not limited to massacres, terrorism, abductions, disappearances, torture, executions and much more.

1. **Encourages** the creation of a UN sub-body named the United Nations Committee for Determining the Legitimacy of Kurdish Independence (UNCDLKI) which will oversee:
2. the holding of independence referendums in recognized and disputed territory in the Kurdistan region where there is a Kurdish majority
3. the establishment of new borders around the region
4. the holding of free and fair elections in this new Kurdish state;
5. **Calls for** a biannual, multilateral conference to be held in Geneva between all Middle Eastern nations involved in the current conflict for the purposes of discussing disputes arising from the creation of Kurdistan
6. **Recommends** the creation of a mass media campaign to be held in all member sates in forum of all electronic forms of advertisements as well as flyers and billboards ect. to spread awareness about items such as but no it limited to;
7. The Kurdish fight for independence,
8. Kurdish participation in the Syrian Civil War,
9. Donations to any relevant humanitarian organizations or charities;
10. **Calls for** the UNCDLKI to work in conjunction with UNICEF, the WHO, UNESCO and the WFP in order to take care of basic needs of those living in Kurdistan and in disputed territories by carrying out actions such as but not limited to:
11. taking care of children affected by the conflict,
12. lessening food insecurity in the area,
13. providing vaccines to those who have not had access to them,
14. providing temporary education centers for those who do not have access to them,
15. providing medical support,
16. **Requests** the UN security council to review the Question of Kurdistan and deploy peacekeepers to the area if deemed necessary to assist with items such as but not limited to:
17. Protecting the humanitarian aid mentioned in clause 4,
18. Protecting polling stations in the election organized by UNCDLKI,
19. Assisting with the overall maintenance of public order in any conflict that may arise.
20. **Congratulates** all nations which choose to resolve their disputes in a peaceful fashion