

### Constitution of The United North American Council of The Lenka Nation

### **Preamble**

We, the living natural human-born descendants of the Lenka People displaced from our ancient ancestral lands, the Kingdom of Managuara (encompassing the sacred territories of Anamerike and the regions now known as Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua), united by our shared Lenka blood birthrights, heritage, and inherent sovereignty, establish this Constitution.

Guided by the wisdom and spirit of our ancestors, the narratives of Ti Wanatuku, the legacy of Balam Colop, Comizahual II, and Lempira and the enduring guidance and mentorship of:

- Nana Amparro Majano Perez the Lenka Putum Clan Mother of Yucuaquin, Southern Territory, Managuara (El Salvador)
- Lenca Council MILPAH (Movimiento Independiente Indigena Lenca de La Paz Honduras) and the 12 Lenca communities under their representation
- The Lenca Council CILCRUSAMA of Las Crucitas de Santa Maria, Reserva Indigena Felix Vive, La Paz, Northern Territory, Managuara (Honduras)
- The Prince Chief Leonel Antonio Chevez, Ti Manauelike, Casa Real del Jaguar de Managuara

we affirm our unbroken lineage. Further guided by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP 2007), international human rights law, U.S. Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.C. § 5101), Indian Self-Determination Act, and the inherent right to self-determination (25 U.S.C. § 5301), we reclaim our ancestral legacy. We commit to building collective power, preserving our culture, languages, religions and the Guancasco tradition, and securing justice for all our people, including our most vulnerable, for future generations. The United North American Council of The Lenka Nation is sovereign and

independent indigenous nation, separate from the Maya-Lenca Nation and not under the rule of the Ti Manuaelike and all other Lenca collectives.

## **Article I: Name and Purpose**

1. **Name:** The United North American Council of The Lenka Nation (**UNACLN**) this council is independent, sovereign.

## 2. Purpose:

- · To unite all Maias, Pukaras, clans, bands, and descendants of the Lenka Nation residing in North America (United States and Canada) under a single National Council for diplomacy, nation-building, and cultural preservation. (We only speak for the Lenca tribes, nations, groups, collectives, councils, maia's, pukaras, etc, that have joined this union).
- To protect the inherent sovereignty, cultural identity, and rights of the Lenka diaspora, in direct alignment with the principles and historical continuity of our Manauele dynasty.
- · To serve as trustees of the Lenka Nation's collective interests, including land re-matriation for the re-establishment of our sacred sites and Distritos Reales.
- · To advocate for cultural revitalization, including the Lenca languages, cosmology, and justice under international law.
- · To foster unity among Lenka descendants in North America, honoring our multicultural and multi-tribal heritage as a Mancomunidad.

## **Article II: Foundational Principles**

### 1. Inherent and Historical Sovereignty:

- · UNACLN is an expression of the Lenka Nation's inherent, pre-colonial right to self-governance, dating back thousands of years to the founding of the Casa Real del Jaguar (UNDRIP Articles 3–5).
- · Our sovereignty, vested in our blood, persists despite displacement and historical persecution.

### 2. Diaspora Recognition & Multicultural Legacy:

· As displaced peoples, we retain collective rights to identity, culture, and territory. Our system has always been multicultural, inclusive of many Lenca Clans and languages and this principle extends to our diaspora (UNDRIP Articles 8, 9, 33).

#### 3. Protection of the Vulnerable:

- The Council expressly affirms the rights and dignity of women, children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ persons. Discrimination based on sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or ability is prohibited.
- The Council shall establish advisory committees representing these groups to ensure their voices are integral to all decisions, reflecting the Lenka value of communal well-being.

### 4. Trust Relationship:

• The Grand Council holds all assets in trust for the beneficiaries of the Lenka Nation, upholding the fiduciary duty established by our ancestral legacy.

## **Article III: Membership & Nationality**

## 1. Eligibility:

- · Any descendant of the Lenka Nation from the ancestral lands of Managuara (Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua), verified through genealogical research, community attestation, or existing registration with the Maya-Lenca Nation, Casa Real del Jaguar.
- · Any existing Maia or Pukara collective in North America.
- · Membership is open to all eligible individuals, without discrimination.

## 2. Rights:

- · To participate in assemblies, vote, and stand for office.
- · To access cultural, educational, and legal resources (UNDRIP Article 14).
- · To receive official documentation of their status.

### 3. **Duties**:

- · Uphold Lenka values of solidarity, identity, and ancestral stewardship.
- · Respect decisions of the Grand Council and the cultural authority of the elders of the Lenca communities across Managuara and the Prince Chief Leonel Antonio Chevez, Casa Real, Maya-Lenca Nation.

#### Article IV: Tribal Enrollment & National Documentation

### 1. Enhanced Tribal Identification Card:

- The UNACLN shall issue a secure, modern Tribal ID card to all enrolled members. This card will serve as proof of identity, citizenship, and affiliation for cultural, travel, and potential sovereign benefits purposes.
- · The card shall include, at a minimum: Full name, photo, date of birth, enrollment number, RFID chip that is linked to secure database, issue/expiration dates, and the official seals of the UNACLN.



## 2. Certificate of Lenka Nationality:

- · All enrolled members are entitled to a Certificate of Lenka Nationality, a formal document attesting to their citizenship within the Lenka Nation.
- This certificate shall be modeled on the historical Maya-Lenca Nation Citizenship Act of 1999 and UNACLN Citizenship Act, explicitly referencing the UNDRIP 2007 and the authority of the Casa Real.
- · It shall state: "The United North American Council of the Lenka Nation, hereby certifies that [Name] is a Citizen and member of the Lenka Nation."

## 3. Enrollment Requirements:

· A completed application form.

- · Verifiable proof of descent (e.g., birth certificates, family records, sworn affidavits from community elders).
- · For those already registered with the Casa Real, the existing registration number (e.g., SV15030408) shall be honored and integrated into the UNACLN system.
- · Adherence to the principles outlined in this Constitution.

### **Article V: Governance Structure**

### 1. The Grand Council:

- The Grand Council shall be composed of seven (7) elected members serving as trustees, plus one (1) appointed representative from each duly admitted Maia, Pukara, Nation, Tribe, Band, or Collective.
  - · Term for Elected Members: Three (3) years; staggered elections.
- · Roles: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Councilors (including designated seats for Women's and Youth representatives).
- Term for Appointed Representatives: Serves at the pleasure of their respective collective, with credentials reviewed annually by the Grand Council.

### 2. General Assembly:

· All voting members meet annually to set priorities and ratify major decisions (UNDRIP Article 18). Monthly Conjuntas (Stated Communications) will be held.

#### 3. Council of Elders:

· An advisory body comprised of respected elders to provide cultural, historical, and spiritual guidance, ensuring alignment with the traditions of the Lenca People.

### 4. Regional Structure:

· Recognition of regional Maias and Pukaras led by Tokas (Chiefs) for local governance and cultural activities.

## 5. Collective Membership and Representation:

- A. Eligibility for Collective Membership: Any existing Maia, Pukara, Nation, Tribe, Band, or Collective of Lenka descent in North America may petition the Grand Council for membership.
- **B.** Vetting Process: Admission is a sovereign act of the Grand Council. The process involves a thorough review of the petitioning group's lineage, structure, leadership, and alignment with the principles of this Constitution. The Grand Council shall consult with the Council of Elders and may seek community attestation. This vetting process is essential to ensure the integrity of the Council and has no prescribed time period, as each petition is considered with the due diligence and deliberation it warrants.
- C. Representation: Upon admission, each collective shall appoint one (1) leader to hold a seat on the Grand Council.
- **D.** Requirements for Appointed Leaders: Representatives must be persons of good moral character, committed to Lenka values. Their appointment must be certified by a notarized "Leader of Authority" document, signed by the collective's recognized leadership structure, affirming the individual's legitimate right to represent them. The Grand Council reserves the right to verify and approve all credentials.
- -E. This Council has the authority to charter the creation of new maia's and pukaras.

#### **Article VI: Elections**

#### 1. Process:

- · Elections every three (3) years via secure online/community voting or in-person Conjunta.
- · Candidates must be verified members, nominated by a majority.

#### 2. Criteria:

· Integrity, commitment to Lenka values, and a demonstrated dedication to serving the community and protecting its most vulnerable members.

## **Article VII: Powers of the Grand Council**

## 1. Trusteeship:

 $\cdot$  Manage assets (land trusts, cultural artifacts, funds) for the collective benefit of the Nation.

## 2. Legal & Cultural Authority:

- · Negotiate with U.S., Canadian, and international bodies.
- · Litigate to uphold Lenka rights.
- · Revitalize language, ceremonies, and traditional knowledge (UNDRIP Article 31), in partnership with the educational departments across Central America.

## **Article VIII: Financial Management**

- 1. Trust Funds: Revenue held in trust for the Nation.
- 2. Transparency: Annual audits and reports.
- 3. Tax Status: Operates as a sovereign tribal entity under relevant statutes (e.g., 26 U.S.C. § 501©(3)).

### **Article IX: Amendments**

- 1. Proposed by 55% of the General Assembly or the Grand Council.
- 2. Ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General Assembly.

### **Article X: Dissolution**

- 1. Requires 90% approval of the General Assembly.
- 2. Assets distributed to Indigenous-led organizations aligned with Lenka values.

## **Article XI: Symbols of the Nation - Flags and Banners**

## 1. The Flag of Peace and Unity:

The official flag of the United North American Council of the Lenka Nation for purposes of peace, diplomacy, and daily representation shall be the historic flag of the Maya-Lenca Nation: a white field bearing a blue horizontal Saint Andrew's Cross (Saltire) and a Lencan pyramid symbolizing the Royal House Taulepa. This flag symbolizes the importance of peace in the ancestral land, our sovereignty, and our enduring spirit.



## 2. The Ceremonial Flag:

A flag of seven horizontal colors shall be recognized as the primary ceremonial flag, to be flown during cultural gatherings, the Guancasco ceremony, and other significant national events. Its seven colors represent the diversity of clans, languages, and the sacred unity of the Lenka people.



## 3. The Flag of Mourning and Resilience:

A black field bearing a horizontal red Saint Andrew's Cross(Saltire) shall be the official flag of war, mourning, and protest. It shall be flown to commemorate tragedies, injustices, and periods of conflict, honoring the resilience and sacrifice of our people.



## 4. Rights of Maias and Pukaras:

In recognition of the multicultural and multi-tribal heritage of the Lenka Nation, each Maia and Pukara collective within the UNACLN shall have the inherent right to design, create, and fly its own distinctive flags or banners to represent their local identity, history, and lineage, while simultaneously honoring the national flags described herein.

### **Article XII: Linguistic Revitalization and Modernization**

### 1. Recognition of Linguistic Heritage:

The United North American Council of the Lenka Nation recognizes the Potón, Kotik, Chilanga, Taulepa, Kakawira, and Xinca languages, among others, as the sacred and ancestral tongues of the Lenka people. These languages are integral to our cosmology, identity, and right to self-determination (UNDRIP Article 13).

### 2. Duty to Preserve and Teach:

The Council shall prioritize the preservation, revitalization, and teaching of these languages through the establishment of language programs, the creation of educational materials, and the support of elder-led instruction for all generations.

### 3. Adaptation for Modern Use:

To ensure our languages thrive in the contemporary world, the Council shall support and oversee efforts to adapt and expand their lexicons. This includes the development of modern terminology for technology, governance, science, and other fields, ensuring the Lenka languages remain living, dynamic tools for communication and cultural continuity for our diaspora and future generations.

### 4. Partnership with Central American Communities:

The UNACLN shall seek partnerships with the educational departments and linguistic authorities of the Maya-Lenca Nation, Honduras. El Salvador, United States, Canada and other Lenca communities in Central America to collaborate on standardization, resource sharing, and unified revitalization efforts.

## **Article XIII: Cultural Ceremonies, Traditions, and Days of Remembrance**

## 1. Guardianship of Cultural Practices:

The United North American Council of the Lenka Nation is the guardian and trustee of the Nation's ceremonies, rituals, and traditions. The Council shall ensure the preservation, respectful practice, and transmission of ceremonies including but not limited to the Guancasco, Compostura, Baile de los Negritos, Baile de los Latigos, Baile del Torito Pinto, and La Partsana.

#### 2. Official Calendar of Observances:

- The Council shall establish and maintain an official cultural calendar to ensure the regular observance of our traditions and the solemn remembrance of our history. Key dates shall include, but not be limited to:

- Memorial of the Mozote Massacre and La Matanza (1932):To honor the thousands of indigenous lives lost.
- Day of Indigenous Resistance: Marking the beginning of the Spanish invasion of Central America, and honoring the resistance of leaders like Lempira.
- Remembrance of La Gran Removida in Honduras: Acknowledging the forced displacement of our people.
- Memorial for Bertha Cáceres: Honoring her life and sacrifice in the defense of indigenous rights and territories.
- Ancestral Homage Day: Commemorating the passing of Felix Vasquez Lopez, whom died a martyr protecting the Lenca lands of Las Crusitas de Santa Maria, La Paz and the last Comizahual grandmother of Prince Chief Leonel Antonio Chévez, honoring the matriarchal lineage of the Casa Real del Jaguar.
- Day of Gratitude for Allied Scholars: A day to remember and give thanks for the contributions of Alan King, Anne Chapman, and Danilo Vásquez to the preservation and understanding of Lenka history, culture, and language.

### 3. Adaptation and Continuity:

While honoring the traditional forms, the Council recognizes that ceremonies and traditions are living practices. The Council may adapt the execution of these observances to fit the diaspora context, ensuring their core spiritual and cultural meanings are preserved and remain accessible to all members in North America.

Of course. Here is the new Article XV, drafted to reflect the profound symbolism you've described and to align with the formal tone of your constitution.

### Article XIV: The Official Seal of the Nation



## 1. Adoption and Description:

- The Official Seal of the United North American Council of the Lenka Nation shall be a circular emblem. At its center, a roaring jaguar head upon the North American continent, encompassed by a leopard snake consuming its own tail. This central image is encircled by an unbroken chain of gold links. The outer ring shall bear the inscription "United North American Council of the Lenka Nation" in English.

### 2. Symbolism and Meaning:

- The Roaring Jaguar, represents our people, the Lepa Wiran (People of the Jaguar), descendants of the Casa Real del Jaguar de Managuara. It symbolizes our inherent strength, resilience, and sovereign spirit that has persisted through centuries of displacement and adversity.
- The Leopard Snake, sacred to the Lenca, in the act of consuming its own tail, serves as a perpetual reminder that our survival as a people is endangered when we turn inward upon ourselves or seperate. It warns against disunity, internal conflict, and the abandonment of the sacred tradition of Guancasco, which has historically bound our nations together in peace.
- The North American Continent denotes our present reality and territory as a diaspora people, affirming that our sovereignty and identity are not diminished by distance from our ancestral lands.
- The Unbroken Chain of Gold Links symbolizes the strength forged in unity. Each link represents a Maia, a Pukara, a clan, or an individual family, bound together to form an unbreakable national community, collective purpose, and shared destiny.

### 3. Usage and Authority:

- The Grand Council shall have the sole authority to emboss this Seal on official documents, treaties, and certificates of nationality issued by the UNACLN, granting them full faith and credit.
- The image of the Seal may be reproduced on flags, banners, and other cultural items for official Council business and community events.

## 4. Right to Bear the Seal:

Every enrolled member of the United North American Council of the Lenka Nation shall have the right to wear or display the image of the Seal as a symbol of their citizenship and pride.

This right carries the solemn duty to treat the symbol with the utmost respect, dignity, and honor. The Seal must not be defaced, desecrated, or used for any purpose that brings dishonor to the Lenka Nation or its people. The Grand Council may establish further guidelines to ensure the respectful use of this national symbol. Serious penalties and even banishment will be issued to members that wear the symbol while committing crimes or immoral acts.

### **Article XV: The Lenka Trust**

### 1. Establishment and Purpose:

All assets, properties, and funds acquired for the collective benefit of the United North American Council of the Lenka Nation shall be held and managed by the Lenka Nation Heritage Trust, a foreign trust established under the jurisdiction of Belize. The primary purpose of the Trust is to safeguard the cultural, financial, and territorial assets of the Nation for the benefit of all its enrolled members, both present and future.

## 2. Trusteeship:

The Council of Elders, as defined in Article V, shall serve as the collective Trustee of the Lenka Nation Heritage Trust. They are vested with the fiduciary duty to manage, protect,

and grow the Trust's assets with the utmost good faith, prudence, and loyalty to the beneficiaries.

#### 3. Beneficiaries:

The sole and exclusive beneficiaries of the Lenka Nation Heritage Trust are the enrolled members of the United North American Council of the Lenka Nation. The Trust exists for their collective well-being, cultural preservation, and economic empowerment.

## 4. Allodial Title and Land Sovereignty:

Any and all land titles acquired by or granted to the Lenka Nation Heritage Trust shall be held Allodial Title. This affirms the Lenka Nation's absolute and inherent sovereignty over the land, recognizing our rights to the land itself, the space above it, the ground below it, and all minerals, water, natural resources, and airspace therein. This title is supreme and is not subject to any superior landlord or external sovereign claim, in accordance with our pre-colonial and enduring status as a sovereign indigenous people.

### **New Article XVI: Declaration of Peace and Amity**

#### 1. Foundation of Peace:

The United North American Council of the Lenka Nation, as the representative of a sovereign and civilized people, hereby declares and affirms that we are a non-violent, peaceful, and spiritual Nation. Our traditions, guided by the wisdom of our ancestors, compel us to seek harmony with all beings and the natural world.

## 2. Renunciation of Aggression:

We solemnly vow and promise never to wage war, engage in armed conflict, or commit acts of aggression against the United States of America, Canada, their constituent states

or provinces, any other national government, any First Nation or Indigenous community, or any jurisdiction whatsoever.

## 3. Pursuit of Partnership:

We actively seek relations of peace, amity, and meaningful partnership with the governments of the United States and Canada, the United Nations and its specialized agencies, all Indigenous Nations across Turtle Island, and the broader international community. Our goal is to build bridges of understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect.

## 4. Harmony with the Land:

Wherever our people reside, we pledge to live in a state of peace and harmony with the land. We commit to being stewards of the environment, honoring the sacredness of the earth, and contributing positively to the communities in which we are situated, as an expression of our core values and our commitment to a peaceful existence for generations to come.

# **Article XVII: Adoption**

This Constitution takes effect upon ratification by a majority of the founding Lenka diaspora members.

Ratified this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

Amended and Strengthened by majority vote of the general membership of the council on this 11th day of July, 2025, amended again on 09/24/2025.