



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

Preamble

We, the living natural human born descendants of the displaced people of our ancient ancestral lands of Kingdoms of Managuara (now known as Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua), united by our shared Lenka blood birthrights, heritage, inherent sovereignty, and the sacred duty to preserve our culture, languages, traditions and identity in diaspora, establish this Constitution. Guided by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (**UNDRIP 2007**), international human rights law, United States and Canadian Trust & Estate Laws, U.S Indian Reorganization Act (**25 U.S.C. § 5101**), Indian Self-Determination Act, all other United States and Canadian Tribal Laws, and the inherent right to self-determination (**25 U.S.C. § 5301**), we affirm our status as a sovereign Indigenous group of people. We reclaim our ancestral legacy and commit to building collective power for future generations.

Article I: Name and Purpose

1. Name: The United North American Council of The Lenka Nation (UNACLN).

2. Purpose:

- To unite all or majority of the Lenca collectives, maia's, clans, bands, groups, clubs, nations, etc, that may inhabit the North American regions now known as the United States of America and Canada and serve as a National Council for the purpose of diplomacy and nation building amongst our people
- To protect the inherent sovereignty, cultural identity, and rights of the Lenka diaspora.
- To serve as trustees of the Lenka Nation's collective interests.
- To advocate for land re-matriation, cultural revitalization, and justice under international law.
- To foster unity among Lenka descendants in North America.

Article II: Foundational Principles

1. Inherent Sovereignty:

- UNACLN is an expression of the Lenka Nation's inherent right to self-governance (**UNDRIP Articles 3–5; Worcester v. Georgia, 31 U.S. 515**).
- Sovereignty persists despite displacement (**Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, 30 U.S. 1**).

2. Diaspora Recognition:

- As displaced peoples, we retain collective rights to identity, culture, and territory (**UNDRIP Articles 8, 10; UN Human Rights Council Res. 33/12**).

3. Trust Relationship:

- The Grand Council holds all assets in trust for the beneficiaries (**25 U.S.C. § 177; United States v. Shoshone Tribe, 304 U.S. 111**).

Article III: Membership

1. Eligibility:

-Any active Maia, Pukara, Council, Collective, Band, Nation, Group, or Descendants of the Lenka Nation from Managuara (Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua), verified through genealogical or community attestation that currently resides anywhere in North America. Also membership is available to any member enrolled in the Maya-Lenka Nation.

2. Rights:

- To participate in assemblies, vote, and stand for office.
- To access cultural, educational, and legal resources (**UNDRIP Article 14**).

3. Duties:

- Uphold Lenka values of solidarity, identity, and ancestral stewardship.
- Respect decisions of the Grand Council.

Article IV: Governance Structure

1. The Grand Council:

- Seven **(7)** elected members serving as trustees.
- Term: Three **(3)** years; staggered elections for continuity.
- Roles: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Councilors.

2. General Assembly:

- Monthly Stated Communications (**Conjunta**)
- All voting members must be over the age of 18 and meets annually to set priorities and ratify major decisions (**UNDRIP Article 18**).

3. Coordinating Regional Structure:

- Regional Family Clans (Maia) (**e.g., Cultural and Land Preservation, Land Re-matriation, Land Stewardship**).
- Advisory Bodies: Council of Elders, Youth Council, think tanks and committees (**UNDRIP Article 22**).

Article V: Elections

1. Process:

- Elections every three **(3)** years via in person meeting (**conjunta**) or secure online/community voting.

- Candidates must be verified members, nominated by at least 65% majority.

2. Criteria:

- Integrity, sound mind, clean background, commitment to Lenka values, and diaspora advocacy.

Article VI: Powers of the Grand Council

1. Trusteeship:

- Manage assets (land trusts, cultural artifacts, funds) for collective benefit

(25 U.S.C. § 162a).

2. Legal Authority:

- Negotiate with U.S., Canadian, and international bodies.

(UNDRIP Articles 26–27)

- Litigate to uphold Lenka rights

(Federal Power Commission v. Tuscarora Indian Nation, 362 U.S. 99).

3. Cultural Sovereignty:

- Revitalize language, ceremonies, and traditional knowledge

(UNDRIP Article 31).

Article VII: Financial Management

1. Trust Funds:

- Revenue from grants, donations, or land settlements held in trust for the Nation.

2. Transparency:

- Annual audits and reports to the General Assembly.

3. Tax Exempt Status:

- Operates as a sovereign tribal nation, religious institution and as an unincorporated association under **26 U.S.C. § 508C1A, 501C3**, for tax-exempt activities.

Article VIII: Amendments

1. Proposed by 55% of the General Assembly or the Grand Council.
2. Ratified by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the General Assembly.

Article IX: Dissolution

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

Article X: Adoption

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

Ratified this 5th day of June, 2024.

Amended by majority vote of the general membership of the council on:

11th day of July, 2025