

Official Recommendation from World Compassion Terry Law Ministries to the Kurdistan Regional Government, regarding the enumeration of rights and protections of religious minorities in the Constitution of Kurdistan.

WHEREAS rights are granted by Almighty God alone and are to be protected by civil government, and WHEREAS that civil government must therefore be non-sectarian in order to provide equal protections to all citizens, and WHEREAS a Constitution must protect and defend the rights of the weakest and most insignificant citizen as vigorously and impartially as it protects and defends the rights of the most prominent and powerful citizens, and:

WHEREAS the leaders of the Christian churches with whom World Compassion has conferred have consistently stated their desire to be treated as complete equals in society, i.e., simply as citizens, without regard to religious status:

THEREFORE we, the Undersigned, recommend the following statements for inclusion in the Constitution of Kurdistan:

1. This Constitution shall be the supreme law of the nation of Kurdistan, not superseded or nullified by any other law.
2. No national, regional or local government entity shall prohibit free speech, except that speech which calls explicitly for the forcible overthrow or removal of the popularly elected, legitimate government of the nation of Kurdistan.
3. No national, regional or local government entity shall prohibit freedom of worship or religious practice.
4. No national, regional or local government entity shall require proof of religious affiliation or non-affiliation of any citizen as prerequisite to any civil privilege, either in print or by verbal acknowledgment.
5. The right of individuals to choose or change to or from a religion or non-religion shall not be infringed, nor shall any religion or non-religion be assigned to any person or group of persons by any national, regional or local government entity.
6. No national, regional or local government entity shall discriminate against any citizen or legal resident of the nation of Kurdistan on the basis of religion with regard to economic opportunity and employment.
7. The rights of parents to educate themselves and/or their dependent children in accordance with the religion or non-religion of their choice shall not be infringed, nor shall any national, regional or local government entity require religious or non-religious education or training of any person, regardless of age.

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