



KURDISTAN SOLIDARITY FORUM (KSF)

Forûma Pişgirtia Kurdistan

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

The Forum is officially called “**Kurdistan Solidarity Forum**” in English.

The name of the Forum in Kurdish is “**Forûma Pişgirtia Kurdistan**” or “**فۆرومی پشتیوانی کوردستان**”.

The abbreviated name of the Forum is “**KSF**” which may be used for all official purposes.

ARTICLE 2: LEGAL STATUS

The Kurdistan Solidarity Forum (KSF) is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan civil society organisation established under the laws of the United Kingdom.

The Forum shall pursue its objectives through advocacy, cultural activities, community engagement, conferences, seminars, humanitarian initiatives and other lawful means consistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE 3: VISION

To promote the rights of the Kurdish people through peace, justice, and the principle of self-determination, while fostering coexistence, democracy, and international solidarity.

ARTICLE 4: MISSION

The Forum aims to:

- Support the political, cultural, humanitarian, and social aspirations of the Kurdish people.
- Promote democracy, human rights, peace, justice, and the rule of law.
- Foster peaceful dialogue, academic research, and public awareness of Kurdish issues.
- Strengthen Kurdish identity by promoting Kurdish language, history, culture, and heritage.
- Build partnerships between Kurdish communities, civil society, academic institutions, public bodies, and the wider international community.
- Encourage civic participation, community development, and international solidarity in pursuit of the Forum's Vision.

ARTICLE 5: OBJECTIVES

The Forum seeks to achieve the following objectives:

5.1 Advocacy and International Engagement

- A. Organise events, conferences, and seminars.
- B. Publish studies, reports, and recommendations related to the Kurdish issue.
- C. Defend the rights of the Kurdish people in international and local forums.
- D. Cooperate with academic institutions, civil society organisations, and decision-makers to support Kurdish rights.
- E. Promote Kurdish culture, folklore, and political issues through active participation in international forums, parliaments, and governmental institutions.
- F. Celebrate Kurdish national and cultural events and honour individuals and organisations supporting the Kurdish people and their legitimate rights.

5.2 Culture, Language and Heritage

- A. Promote Kurdish culture, language, and heritage.
- B. Support the teaching and dissemination of the Kurdish language.
- C. Revive Kurdish history and highlight its cultural heritage.
- D. Organise cultural and artistic events to strengthen Kurdish identity.
- E. Encourage academic research on Kurdish affairs.

These activities enhance international recognition of Kurdish cultural identity within the framework of respecting diversity and the rights of peoples.

5.3 Humanitarian and Community Development

- A. Support humanitarian work that serves the Kurdish people.
- B. Promote cohesion and belonging within the Kurdish community.
- C. Raise awareness of health, social, and psychological issues.
- D. Empower youth and women through leadership and skills development.
- E. Support children through educational and developmental programmes.
- F. Encourage volunteer work and community participation.
- G. Promote social integration and diversity within UK society.

5.4 Safeguarding

The Forum shall adopt and maintain an appropriate Safeguarding Policy.

ARTICLE 6: PRINCIPLES

The Forum shall be guided by the principles of non-violence, democracy, the rule of law, equality, diversity, freedom of expression, respect for human dignity, and the protection and promotion of human rights. These principles shall underpin all of the Forum's activities, decisions, and conduct.

ARTICLE 7: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE & COMMITTEES

7.1 Administrative Committee

- **Four General Directors:** Overall management of the Forum and supervision of programmes.
- **Four Deputy Directors:** Assist the General Directors and act in their absence when needed.
- **Secretary:** Organises meetings and documents minutes and official correspondence.
- **Finance Officer:** Prepares the annual budget and financial reports, monitors expenditure against budget, and presents financial updates to the Executive Committee and General Assembly.
- **Treasurer:** Manages the Forum's bank accounts, authorises and records payments, maintains financial records and receipts, and ensures funds are used in accordance with the approved budget.
- Additional members may be added as needed.

7.2 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of all core members, with the possibility of appointing additional members as required. It supervises the implementation of decisions made by the General Assembly and

oversees the work of the specialised committees. The Executive Committee may establish additional permanent or temporary committees or task forces as required. The Executive Committee may adopt Internal Regulations consistent with this Constitution for the effective administration of the Forum.

7.3 Specialised Committees

To facilitate management of various activities:

1. **Cultural, Language, Heritage, Folklore, and Music Committee**
Preserve Kurdish cultural identity, promote Kurdish language, and organise artistic and heritage activities
2. **General Events Committee**
Organise lectures, seminars, conferences, meetings, demonstrations, and celebrations
3. **Media and Communications Committee**
Manage social media channels, the website, press, and media publications
4. **Organisational Committee**
Manage logistics, attendance, registration, and event organisation
5. **Public and International Relations Committee**
Communicate with local and international institutions, parliaments, government entities, and NGOs
6. **Humanitarian and Charity Activities Committee**
Organise humanitarian initiatives, charitable campaigns, and community support activities
7. **Additional committees**
The Executive Committee may establish additional permanent or temporary committees as required to support the objectives of the Forum.

ARTICLE 8: MEMBERSHIP

- Membership is open to individuals and institutions that support the Forum's objectives.
- Individual members must be 18 years of age or older.
- Institutional members must be lawfully constituted organisations that support the Forum's objectives and shall be represented by one authorised individual.
- Members shall have the right to participate in the Forum's activities, vote, and stand for elected positions, subject to this Constitution.
- Official Members may be required to pay an annual membership fee as determined by the Forum.
- All members shall uphold this Constitution and comply with the Internal Regulations of the Forum.

ARTICLE 9: MEETINGS

9.1 General Assembly:

Held annually with a set date in advance. The General Assembly shall be the highest decision-making body of the Forum.

Emergency meetings can be called by the General Directors or one-third of members.

9.2 Executive and Specialised Committees:

Meet regularly as required.

9.3 Quorum:

General Assembly: one-third of voting members. Executive Committee and Specialised Committees: a simple majority of current members. If quorum is not met, the meeting is adjourned and reconvened within 14 days, at which point those present shall constitute quorum.

9.4 Voting:

Decisions are by simple majority of those present and voting, one vote per member, except where this Constitution requires a higher threshold (see Articles 14 and 15). The Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. Voting is by show of hands or electronic poll, except where a secret ballot is required (Articles 10 and 12).

Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded and circulated to the relevant members.

ARTICLE 10: ELECTIONS

- Elections shall be conducted annually by secret ballot or approved electronic voting.
- In the event of a tie, a further ballot shall be conducted between the tied candidates.
- The term of office shall be one year and may be renewed.
- Candidates must submit an official nomination and meet the eligibility requirements.
- Election results shall be announced to the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 11: FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

- Funding sources: Donations, grants, projects, and membership fees
- Full transparency and accountability
- Expenditures used solely for achieving Forum objectives
- Annual budget prepared and reviewed by the Executive Committee
- Apply and receive grants from Kurdish and international organisations
- Sell goods and services consistent with the Forum's objectives
- No income or property of the Forum shall be distributed among members except as reimbursement for authorised expenses incurred on behalf of the Forum.

ARTICLE 12: DISCIPLINE, CONDUCT AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Members shall uphold the Constitution and respect the principles of the Forum.
2. Breaches of the Constitution or Internal Regulations may result in:
 - Official warning
 - Temporary suspension of membership
 - Termination of membership following review by the Executive Committee and General Assembly.

A member subject to suspension or termination has the right to submit a written appeal to the General Assembly within 14 days of the decision, which shall be considered at the next meeting.

The Executive Committee shall ensure that any termination of membership is carried out fairly, transparently, and in accordance with the Internal Regulations of the Forum.

- Any member of the Administrative Committee, Executive Committee, or any specialised committee with a personal or financial interest in a matter under discussion shall declare that interest and withdraw from the relevant decision.

ARTICLE 13: AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution may be amended by two-thirds of General Assembly members upon proposal by the Executive Committee or one-third of members.
2. No amendment may alter the principles set out in Article 6.

ARTICLE 14: DISSOLUTION

1. The Forum may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting at a General Assembly meeting at which quorum is present.
2. Upon dissolution, any remaining assets shall be transferred to a registered non-profit or charitable organisation with similar objectives, as determined by the Executive Committee. No member shall receive any personal benefit from the Forum's assets.

ARTICLE 15: NEUTRALITY AND LEGAL COMPLIANCE

1. The Forum shall operate in accordance with the laws of the United Kingdom, this Constitution and its Internal Regulations.
2. The Forum shall remain an independent civil organisation, reject violence and uphold its founding principles.
3. The Forum shall remain politically independent and shall not endorse or campaign for any political party.

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