



## Human Rights and the Question of Democratisation and Federalism in Iran



### **Resolution: Concerning Antipersonnel Landmines Brussels 03 April 2009**

#### *The CNFI*

Concerned that antipersonnel landmine are frequently and widely used on territories of the Iranian nationalities;

Noting that antipersonnel landmines are particularly indiscriminate and inhumane, killing or maiming civilians and combatants alike, above all innocent and defenceless people, even after the armed conflict has ended;

Recognising that antipersonnel landmine use is a violation of individual and collective rights as they terrorise people, deprive them of life, free movement and produce long-term suffering;

Acknowledging the devastation of antipersonnel landmines to the environment and how they deprive people of their land and natural resources;

Noting that the presence of antipersonnel landmines hinders socio-economic development and the return of displaced people;

Rejecting the notion that the desired ends justify inhumane means and methods of warfare of a nature to cause unnecessary suffering;

Accepting that international humanitarian law and human rights apply to and oblige all parties to armed conflict;

Recognising the international norm prohibiting antipersonnel landmines as codified by the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, otherwise known as the Mine Ban Treaty

Recognising the Deed of Commitment Under Geneva Call for Adherence to a Total Ban on Anti-personnel Mines and for Cooperation in Mine action as a specific mechanism enabling non-State actors to commit to the mine ban and as a necessary complement to the Mine Ban Treaty.

#### *Therefore the CNFI:*

1. Considers the indiscriminate use of antipersonnel landmines as contrary to international humanitarian law and human rights law;
2. Denounces the use of antipersonnel landmines for any purpose and by anyone;
3. Commits ourselves to a total ban on antipersonnel landmines under all circumstances;
4. Urges Iranian government who continues to use, produce stockpile, retain antipersonnel landmines to cease immediately;
5. Calls on Iranian State to accede to the Mine Ban Treaty;
6. Calls **on all armed non-State actors from Iran** to sign Geneva Call's Deed of Commitment banning antipersonnel landmines.
7. Welcomes the commitments made by PDKI to ban antipersonnel mines through having signed Geneva Call's Deed of Commitment;
8. Calls on all organisations and governments, everywhere to join in the common task to eradicate these weapons and meet the enormous challenges of mine action, including victim assistance in Iran.

#### ***Signed:***

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