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## مدبرنوة ية ا ديمقراطية ابيرة ا دجزرة ا بة نؤرين ظسوريا (موةبا سوعرنا ظجوشمادانظةا)

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### **Basic Principles and General Principles for Women**

Because in our societies that are ruled by the male principle of domination, women face many political, social, economical, cultural and psychological problems and this affects women as a whole, regressing and violating her rights, patriarchy is opposing the development of woman due to many laws (one-sided divorce, forced marriage and polygamy/multiple marriage) that led to the continuation of an era where the work of women is permanently playing a negative role not only on women but also on the society in general. Apart from this there are many other problems that make life difficult for her.

Because of our belief in the need for women's role in the family (the basis of society), women's freedom will guarantee the creation of a democratic and free family and society. Also the level of development of societies depends on the strengthening of the role of women and her participation in the construction and development of the society. Women's work will therefore continue to provide assurances of the defense of her self-respect and the right to freedom and the right to self-control over herself and her children. From now on, women do not admit their absence because the freedom movement has become a pressing need for women's liberation against all forms of regression, murder and oppression.

Since the safeguarding of women's freedom and rights is one of the fundamental goals of Autonomous Administration, all women's cases must be resolved, the level of women in all areas should be increased, a decent life should be ensured and protected from oppression and coercion and her legitimate rights will be guaranteed.

We therefore set out a set of basic principles and general principles related to women and ensure their equality with men in order to build a democratic, ecological and free society.

## **Basic Principles:**

**1-** In the areas of the Autonomous Administration the battle against the mentality of oppression and regress is a moral duty for every person.

**2-** Equality between women and men, in all areas of life.

**3-** Elections and governance on every level are the right of women.

**4-** The basic of every institution is the Co-Chair principle.

**5-** Ji mafê jinê ye sazûmanên polîtîk, civakî, aborî, çandî, parastina rewa û sazûmanên ji bilî wan ve jî bi awayekî ku li dijî Hevpeymanî Civakî nayê bi rêxistin bike. Women have the right to organize in political, social, economic, cultural, defense institutions that are not organized contrary to the Social Contract ???

**6-** In emergency situations, representatives of women's organizations and "human rights" organizations should be invited when the Legislative Council discusses the law.

**7-** Women's will must be taken into consideration when enforcing women's laws.

**8-** There is equality between men and women in terms of employment and wages and this is regulated by the workers rights of the Autonomous Administration.

**9-** Equality of the testimony (witness account) of women and men.

**10-** Marriage without the consent of the bride is prohibited.

Punishment: imprisonment of one month up to three months and a fine of 50.000-100.000 Syrian Lira if accused before marriage.

Imprisonment of three months up to one year and a fine of 100.000-300.000 Syrian Lira if accused after marriage. The woman has the right of accusation for up to one year.

**11-** Rakirina "qelen" ji holê, ji ber ku armanca wî kirîna jinê ye. Jin û mêr wê alîkariya hev bikin ji bo jiyaneke hevpar bijî. The elimination of the "qelen",

because it aims to buy women. Women and men will help one another to live a equally shared life.

**12-** Marriage lawsuits are filed in civil courts.

**13-** Polygamy is prohibited.

A : Multiple marriage (Polygamy?) is prohibited and those who violate this law are sentenced to one year up to two years in prison and a fine of 500.000 Syrian Lira and if the person is working for the Autonomous Administration, the employee is suspended from work.

B : Punishment of the religious matchmaker and both parties involved in the agreement.

C : If the wife is pregnant, the child's identity and life needs are guaranteed and the marriage partners get separated.

**14-** The request for divorce is the right of both parties, and is to be concluded with the consent of both parties. To show respect for the shared life both mustn't marry for 6 months after the divorce or death of a spouse.

**15-** The share of inheritance of men and women is equal and this is regulated by the special law of inheritance.

**16-** These types of marriage are prohibited: heyirandin, berdêlê û zweaca ji ber kuştinê. all the old forms of marriage are forbidden (to give a girl to a family in exchange for a girl of the other family for your son ; the fact the son of your parternal uncle is having a right over you and that if you refuse him he could forbidd you to marry ever ; the fact to give a girl as a "gift of consolation" in case someone of your family killed someone of another family)

A : Punishment for exchange women 10 years

B : Punishment for the right of the cousin over a women 10 years

C : Punishment for marriage because of murder ranging from three years to seven years.

**17-** Whoever kills a woman for honor is guilty. A person who commits this act is to be punished under the law of murder.

**18-** Both spouses are severely and equally punished for adultery.

The betrayal of a spouse through impermissible sexual relations by women or men (do they maybe mean homosexual???)

Punishment: Imprisonment of one year up to two years on the basis of the accusation of woman or man.

**19-** Trade of children and women is prohibited in all its forms (sexual harassment, prostitution) and those who do so will be punished severely.

Punishment: Imprisonment from three years up to life sentence and fine of 500.000 – 400.000 Syrian Lira.

**20-** Violence and sexism against women are prohibited. According to the law sexism is a crime and the Autonomous Administration must oppose all forms of oppression and sexism. It must develop its own laws and protect and take care of those who have been subjected to it.

**21-** The Autonomous Administration must guarantee the rights of children and protect them from all forms of coercion and abuse.

**22-** Before the law women and men have equal rights of citizenship.

**23-** It is the responsibility of the Autonomous Administration to ensure the basic health, social and basic needs for a free and dignified life and the protection of widows and widowers.

**24-** The marriage of girls under the age of 18 is forbidden.

Punishment: Imprisonment ranging from three years up to seven years for the person who gave the girl and the man and the person who made the settlement.

**25-** In the case of divorce: The custody of children in case of divorce is with the mother until 15 years old, afterwards it is the right of the child to choose either father or mother. It is the duty of both mother and father to care for the children.

**26-** If children are leaving, the approval of both mother and father is required.

**27-** In court, if a case is concerning women, a representative from the women's institution is required. Her opinion should be taken as priority.

**28-** destûra dayiktiye ji mafê jina karmende û ev li gor zagona karkeran ji R.X.D tê rêxistinkirin .

**29-** In case of divorce the bride price (rehel, gold) is given back. If they are sold they have to be paid back by the man according to their value.

**30-** The Autonomous Administration builds up centers for pregnant and breastfeeding women. These centers take care of the situation of the mother, the child and the zikmakê?

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