

Madam Chair Congratulation and Ishpata

The Kalash are an endangered People. I Belong to the only indigenous community Kalash, ~~Community~~ living in the three valleys of District Chitral of Pakistan numbering 4000 individuals only. The Kalash people have kept alive the unique culture and tradition for the last more than 2000 years in its original natural shape. We the Kalash people know to live happy in all circumstances is the key of our survival.. We celebrate seasonal festival, marriages and also death ceremony offering traditional dance and folk songs to the departing soul for 2 or 3 days. One may not believe that such an unique tradition and rituals are alive in my country and accommodated by the Majority population. Here I feel proud to say that this small community still exists because of the love and respect of the Muslim population who live by us and with the specific focus of government oversight and care. The Constitution of Pakistan gives equal rights to all the citizen and every one enjoy the religious as well social rights.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Imran Khan the visionary leader of the world, the government of Pakistan is fully committed to promote, develop and protect the indigenous community and culture. That is why in the History of the country for the First time representation of all the religious Minorities communities in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is given in the hand of indigenous member through my self Wazir Zada Kalash

The Kalash Community is thankful to the international community for their Moral and social support extended through their diplomats and representatives; and especially UNESCO headed by Vibeka Jensen who has successfully been able to declared the intangible heritage of Kalash Suri Jagek 'Observing of sun" as world heritage ~~site~~ on intangible heritage list.

I strongly believe that adoption and preservation of indigenous community is the ultimate responsibility of the state and government of the country where the indigenous people resides and for the purpose special seats should be reserved in the law and policy making institution like parliaments for the indigenous people representation without considering their number and this may be conveyed to all the member countries by the United Nation...

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With Thanks



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