

*On the twentieth day of October in the year of 2017,  
the leading country delegates, IRU Commissionaires and members of the Cabinet,  
participating in the IRU Parliamentary Session in Riga, Latvia  
are signing this*

## **M E M O R A N D U M**

*of common understanding and agreement on following:*

In order to build trust and demonstrate the unity of our community, we have come to decision to **de-centralize the power of the International Romani Union (IRU)** and decided therefore to give more authority and decision rights to local organizations to empower Romani communities in their respected countries.

By signing this memorandum, all parties involved agree that:

1. We are strengthening local organizations in order to normalize the living conditions for Romani people in their current countries of residence. The purpose of this act is to raise the level of employment, integration and overall satisfaction of Romani people. We believe that only strong local organizations with stable financial capacity can oversee and act fast if required.

2. IRU central bodies will not have any power and rulling over decisions by local organizations.

By doing it, we continue to build IRU as a **diplomatic organization** that speaks on behalf of the whole Romani society to other international structures and agencie, such as the United Nations, UNESCO, FAO, WHO, WIPO, the European Commission, the Council of Europe etc. Active representation of every local organization is and will continue to be crucial to support the efforts of IRU. The main tasks of IRU are as follows:

1. To maintain and strengthen the Romani community representation in the United Nations, the UNESCO and other agencies, the European Commission, the Council of Europe and EVZ Foundation.

2. To support all efforts that unite our community and condemn all activities that divide



it. IRU is the first organization that unites Romani community worldwide (since 1971) and presents Romani flag and anthem to the world. Only IRU was granted the special status of consultative NGO in the United Nations in 1993 (under Roster D 9424). By this we are clearly distancing from all other establishments that call themselves allegedly unique representatives of the Romani community.

3. To continue strengthening co-operation with the International Committee of Red Cross as well as diplomats and ombudsmen.

4. To support local, national and international funding programs, sponsorships and donations towards local organizations if they really solve poverty, unemployment, discrimination and inequality problems of the Romani people.

5. To maintain and save our culture and heritage, namely *Rromanipen* and the Romani Code of Pativ; funds will be applied in order to do so with the help of modern technologies, especially IT, making access for Romani youth easier






6. To celebrate in 2018 the Millennium of the exodus of the Romani people's ancestors from Northern India (city of Kannauj – U. P.) and involve as many local, national and international bodies in doing so, among others in opening budget lines to support Romani organization to popularize this historical event among their fellow citizens.

7. To impulse radical changes in the ways mainstream societies view Romani people and replace inappropriate clichés by reliable perceptions, on the basis of the “Platform of the Millennium”, so as to ensure an active, efficient and successful participation of Romani players, on an equal footing of equality with all other players, in all issues of significance for the polis, especially when Romani communities are stake. This Platform together with the “Frame statute of the Rromani people” of RANELPI, endorsed by IRU under M. Stanisław Stankiewicz presidency is our reference corpus for political recognition and talks with all partners.





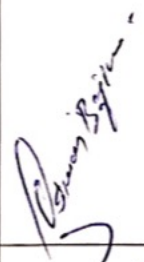

8. To continue to actively involve historians and specialists of various fields to research the Samudaripen of Roma during the Second World War, to continue to create memorials, raise issue of compensation to living eyewitnesses as well as co-operate with EVZ Foundation in Berlin, Germany.





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