5th Annual Global Sikh Civil and Human Rights Conference
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resolutions

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1. TURBAN ISSUES IN EUROPE
Structure to be laid out in 6 months

More than 25 organizations from over 22 countries agreed upon to have a Global Assembly of the Sikhs created in the form of a network such as the Global Sikh Alliance.

The members from the following countries - Austria, Afghanistan, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Netherlands, Mexico, Pakistan, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, UK, USA & UAE agreed upon the need to assemble and meet once a year to make others aware, to discuss & create solutions to resolve the issues facing the Sikh community.
Turban Ban in Europe

- Sikhs should continue to persuade the French consulates around the globe to reverse the turban ban in France.
- Sikhs should persuade the foreign relations committees in their countries to initiate a dialogue with the French Government.
- Sikh delegations should collaboratively meet in their home countries with visiting French Government dignitaries to express their concerns.
- Request the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) to setup a meeting with the Akaal Takth Jathedar and the Pope to address Sikh identity issues in Europe.
2. 1984 POGROMS AGAINST SIKHS
1984 Pogroms

- Sikhs around the globe should refer to the killings in 1984 as the Sikh Genocide and seek to have it recognised as a genocide internationally.
- Assist the DSGMC & work to trace witnesses who can give evidence for the prosecution of the guilty of the Sikh Genocide.
- Sikh Human Right Organisations should continue to push for the prosecution of the guilty for the genocide against Sikhs.
3. DEATH PENALTY
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- Sikhs should approach international organisations to explain our view on the death penalty.
- Sikhs should lobby the European Union on their role to ensure that the death penalty is abolished globally.
4. PRESERVING SIKH HERITAGE & PROVIDING A HOLISTIC EDUCATION
Preserving Sikh Heritage

- Reach out to organisations that will preserve and conserve Sikh artifacts, buildings and traditions (Gurdwaras, puratan Granth Sahib, Puratan Shastars)
- Promote Panjabi as the first language of communication in homes and within the community.
- Encourage & preserve the study of Sikh history through the preservation and conservation of old documents, Sarkar-e-Khalsa treaties through micro-filming and by making material available online for data-mining.
- Setting up of Sikh educational academies in India and around the world.
General Declarations

- Sikhs issues needs to be resolved locally with assistance from experts from Sikh communities around the world.
- Sikhs should set up a Global Network to work together on common issues.
- Therefore, a network called The Global Sikh Alliance should be created that will meet in a Global Sikh Assembly annually. The following organisations have agreed to take forward the creation of the Global Sikh Assembly (in alphabetical order): Dastaar Action Committee (France), Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC), Sikh Council (UK), UNITED SIKHS, American Gurdwara Prabhandak Committee.
- These organisations request other Sikh organisations to join this initiative.
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