

YEZIDI CONSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION COUNCIL (YCRC)
Foundational Mandate, Scope of Responsibilities, Guiding Principles
and Strategic Implementation and Diplomatic Plan
Period: 1 March 2026 – 1 June 2026

Preamble

The Yezidi Constitutional Representation Council (YCRC) is established as an independent, non-partisan and community-based body to strategically prepare, professionally accompany, and politically and diplomatically support the constitutional recognition and institutional safeguarding of Yezidi rights within Syria's state transformation, transitional, and constitutional processes.

The YCRC understands itself as a constructive partner for stability, strengthening rule-of-law structures, human rights standards, and pluralistic foundations, while promoting minority protection as a prerequisite for sustainable state legitimacy.

PART A – FOUNDATIONAL MANDATE

§ 1 – Self-Understanding

1. The YCRC is an independent, non-partisan and community-based body dedicated to the strategic representation, safeguarding, and further development of Yezidi rights within Syria's transformation, transitional, and constitutional processes.
2. The YCRC understands itself as:
 - a) an advisory expert body grounded in constitutional and international law,
 - b) a legitimacy-based representative platform of the Yezidi community,
 - c) a rule-of-law oriented stability partner within the transformation process,
 - d) an institutional bridge between the community, state structures, and international actors.
3. The YCRC pursues no partisan, separatist, or destabilizing objectives.

§ 2 – Objectives

The objectives of the YCRC are:

1. the constitutional recognition of the Yezidi community as a religious minority,
2. the institutional safeguarding of its rights within the legislative, executive, and judicial branches,
3. the international reinforcement and protection of these rights,

4. the long-term structural anchoring of Yezidi participation within Syria's state framework.

The YCRC seeks influence through professional expertise, societal legitimacy, and strategic networking.

§ 3 – Basis of Mandate

(1) Societal Legitimacy

The mandate of the YCRC rests on broad support and structural engagement with the Yezidi community both domestically and internationally, including:

1. registered associations and umbrella organizations,
2. civil society initiatives,
3. women's and youth representatives,
4. cultural and academic institutions,
5. recognized public figures and members of the diaspora.

Legitimacy is ensured through documented endorsements, structured consultation processes, and continuous feedback mechanisms.

(2) Religious Inclusion

The mandate is supported by the inclusion of religious dignitaries and spiritual authorities. This inclusion serves to safeguard religious identity and tradition, ensure internal community acceptance, and integrate spiritual perspectives into strategic decision-making, while respecting religious autonomy.

(3) Professional Expertise

The mandate is grounded in the participation of qualified professionals, including:

1. constitutional and international law experts,
2. judges and legal practitioners,
3. university professors and academic specialists,
4. journalists and communication experts,
5. entrepreneurs and economic stakeholders.

This ensures legal soundness, institutional professionalism, and strategic capacity.

(4) Documented Consultation and Accountability

The exercise of the mandate is based on documented consultation processes (e.g., minutes, hearings, written submissions, reporting formats). Continuous accountability to the community forms an essential component of the Council's work.

(5) Inclusive Character

The YCRC acts inclusively and does not claim exclusive representation. It serves as a coordinating platform that consolidates diverse perspectives. Participation of additional actors is possible provided that the foundational principles are recognized.

(6) Ongoing Mandate Review

The mandate is subject to periodic internal evaluation and consultation to ensure continued legitimacy, representativeness, transparency, and adaptability.

§ 4 – Guiding Principles

The YCRC operates according to the following principles:

1. **Legitimacy** – broad inclusion as the foundation of external representation.
2. **Professionalism** – legally grounded drafting and institutional communication.
3. **Political Neutrality** – no alignment with political parties or power blocs.
4. **Discretion and Responsibility** – coordinated diplomacy and strategic sensitivity.
5. **Sustainability** – combining short-term influence with long-term institutionalization.

§ 5 – Areas of Responsibility

The YCRC undertakes in particular:

1. drafting concrete constitutional proposals,
2. preparing policy papers, legal opinions, and briefings,
3. conducting structured community consultations,
4. maintaining diplomatic engagement with transitional authorities, regional administrations, international actors, NGOs, parliamentary factions, and religious authorities,
5. establishing long-term institutional structures to secure sustainable participation.

§ 6 – Organizational Structure

The work of the YCRC is structured across three levels:

1. **Consultative Base** (community engagement and feedback),
2. **Strategic Representative Council** (policy direction and leadership),
3. **Operational Core Committee** (implementation, coordination, diplomacy).

Responsibilities are defined in writing; decisions are documented.

§ 7 – Strategic Horizons

1. **Short-term (0–6 months):** internal consolidation, minority protection framework, discreet diplomacy, international contacts, factual recognition as a consultative partner.
2. **Medium-term (1–3 years):** establishment of a foundation/institute, development of an expertise center, international networking, youth and capacity-building programs.
3. **Long-term (3–5 years):** institutionalized participation in state mechanisms, permanent policy institute, monitoring architecture, sustainable financing model.

§ 8 – Financing Principles

Financing shall be transparent, independent, and free from political conditionality.

Permissible sources include:

1. private contributions,
2. foundation grants,
3. project-based funding,
4. community contributions.

State funding requires separate review to ensure neutrality and independence.

§ 9 – External Representation

The YCRC shall be represented externally by a designated spokesperson. Public communication shall be coordinated, coherent, and institutionally appropriate, aiming at constructive participation in the transformation process.

§ 10 – Strategic Formula

Influence arises from: **Legitimacy + Expertise + Networking + Institutional Continuity.**

The YCRC follows a dual strategy: short-term influence-building and long-term institutional consolidation.

PART B – STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION AND DIPLOMATIC PLAN

Period: 1 March 2026 – 1 June 2026

I. Initial Structure

The YCRC already comprises representatives of the Yezidi community, including constitutional lawyers, attorneys, judges, university professors, journalists, entrepreneurs, and civil society actors.

This composition ensures professional legitimacy, societal grounding, media reach, and economic networking capacity.

II. Strategic Objectives until 1 June 2026

1. internal consolidation and leadership capacity,
2. documented community legitimacy,
3. discreet diplomatic engagement and development of strategic anchors,
4. preparation of a legally sound White Paper/Policy Paper,
5. establishment of initial financial sustainability,
6. preparation for formal recognition (without premature public declaration).

III. Operational Timeline

Phase 1 – Internal Consolidation (1–15 March 2026)

Tasks:

1. comprehensive membership registry (roles, expertise, region, contacts),
2. allocation of portfolios (Diplomacy / Legal / Communication / Finance / Community),
3. adoption of internal rules of procedure,
4. security and communication protocol,
5. confidential strategic matrix (actors, interests, leverage points).

Outcome: fully operational structure and unified external positioning.

Phase 2 – Internal Legitimacy (15–31 March 2026)

Tasks:

1. consultative meetings with religious authorities,
2. engagement with key diaspora associations and youth/women representatives,
3. supporter registry (organizations and key figures),

4. formal mandate declaration (endorsements),
5. consultation report (priorities, concerns, strategic lines).

Outcome: documented legitimacy and support from at least 70% of relevant structures (target benchmark).

Phase 3 – Discreet Diplomacy (1 April – 1 May 2026)

Priority: non-public, sequenced, strategic.

Actors / Objectives / Outputs:

1. Transitional Syrian authorities – presentation and advisory offer → meeting record + follow-up.
2. Autonomous Administration of North-East Syria – minority cooperation, security issues → cooperation brief.
3. Iraq and Kurdistan Region – religious legitimacy, Lalish contacts → endorsement channel.
4. United States – religious freedom and stability framing → policy paper + briefings.
5. EU institutions and national parliaments – cross-party support network.
6. Turkey – de-escalation briefing emphasizing territorial integrity.
7. Israel – discreet dialogue on religious freedom.
8. United Nations – submission of policy briefing and formal registration.

Outcome: factual recognition as a serious consultative partner and establishment of durable contact channels.

Phase 4 – Strategic Visibility (1 May – 1 June 2026)

Conditional upon positive diplomatic signals.

Tasks:

1. publication of a multilingual White Paper,
2. limited expert conference (Europe),
3. coordinated media engagement framed as “Minority Protection as a Stability Factor,”
4. financing dossier and partnership packages,
5. roadmap outlining recognition options (formal step only after sufficient backing).

Outcome: controlled visibility without triggering counter-mobilization.

IV. Financing Concept (Initial Phase)

Priority sources:

1. community entrepreneurs and diaspora support circle,
2. private foundations (human rights/religious freedom),
3. project-based funding (EU/NGO),
4. crowdfunding (after governance structures are secured).

Budget categories:

1. legal drafting and translation,
2. travel and diplomacy,
3. conferences and events,
4. communication and design,
5. compliance and security.

Rule: immediate internal transparency; quarterly external reporting.

V. Communication Strategy

Internal: weekly strategic calls, documented minutes, multilingual updates.

External: single spokesperson, unified narrative, no partisan alignment, disciplined messaging.

VI. Risk Management

1. Avoid geopolitical instrumentalization.
2. Conduct security assessments.
3. Prevent internal fragmentation through clear governance.
4. Avoid premature claims of “official representation.”

VII. Interim Benchmarks by 1 June 2026

1. $\geq 70\%$ of relevant Yezidi organizations formally engaged,
2. 10–15 high-level contacts established (regional and international),
3. completed White Paper (multilingual),
4. initial funding secured with transparency structure,
5. diplomatic exploratory talks concluded with defined next steps.

VIII. Guiding Formula

Broad Legitimacy → International Reinforcement → Institutional Recognition.