

## **Declaration of the Council of the Movement of Struggle for Freedom of Lithuania**

The Council of the Movement of Struggle for Freedom of Lithuania, representing all the military public formations on the territory of Lithuania led by a united leadership, namely:

- a) the Region of Southern Lithuania which includes Dainavos District and Tauro District,
- b) the Region of Eastern Lithuania which includes Algimanto District, Didžiosios Kovos District, Vyčio District, and Vytauto District,
- c) the Region of Western Lithuania which includes Kęstučio District, Prisikėlimo District and Žemaičių District,

that is to say, expressing the will of the Lithuanian nation, reiterating the fundamental principles stipulated in the 10/06/1946 Declaration of the Supreme Committee for the Restoration of Lithuania, the 28/05/1947 resolutions of the UDRM [United Democratic Resistance Movement] and Declaration No 2 of the UDRM, and supplementing them with the resolutions adopted at the joint meeting of the UDRM Presidium and the UDRM Military Council on 10/02/1949, d e c l a r e s:

1. The Council of the MSFL [Movement of Struggle for Freedom of Lithuania], guided by the resolutions of the 10/02/1949 joint meeting of the UDRM Presidium and the UDRM Military Council, shall be the supreme political body of the nation in charge of political and military struggle for the liberation of the nation during the occupation period.
2. The headquarters of the Council of the MSFL and its Presidium shall be in Lithuania.
3. The form of government in Lithuania shall be a democratic republic.
4. Sovereign power in Lithuania shall belong to the nation.
5. Governance of Lithuania shall be exercised by the Seimas, elected in free, democratic, universal, and equal elections by secret ballot, and by the Government to be formed.
6. Legislative power shall be vested in the Provisional Council of the Nation from the end of the occupation until a democratic Seimas of Lithuania is convened.
7. The Provisional Council of the National shall consist of: representatives of all the regions, districts, units, higher schools, cultural, religious organisations and movements, and political parties enjoying support by the nation, fighting under the united leadership in Lithuania and abroad by adhering to the principle of proportional representation.
8. After Lithuania's Independence is restored, before the Seimas is convened, the Chairman of the Presidium of the MSFL Council shall hold office of the President of the Republic of Lithuania.
9. The Provisional Government of Lithuania shall be formed on the instructions of the Chairman of the Presidium of the MSFL Council. The Government shall be accountable to the Provisional Council of the Nation.
10. The Presidium of the MSFL Council shall have the MSFL Delegation Abroad for the coordination of activities of Lithuanians abroad and the restoration of Lithuania, which in cooperation with representatives of Lithuania accredited to Western countries shall set up commissions and delegations to defend and represent Lithuanian issues in the United Nations Organisation, at various conferences and other international institutions.

11. The MSFL Delegation Abroad shall elect among its members the Chairman of the MSFL Delegation Abroad, who shall be considered the Deputy Chairman of the Presidium of the MSFL Council.

12. Members of the MSFL Delegation Abroad shall be considered full and equal members of the MSFL Council.

13. The MSFL Council shall issue regulations on the implementation of this Declaration.

14. Before the Seimas adopts and promulgates a State Constitution that is in conformity with aspirations for human freedom and democracy, the restoration of the state of Lithuania shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions stipulated in this Declaration and in the spirit of the 1922 Constitution of Lithuania.

15. The restored state of Lithuania shall guarantee equal rights to all citizens of Lithuania, who have not committed any crimes against the interests of the Lithuanian nation.

16. As dictatorial and in essence contradictory to the principal aspiration of the Lithuanian nation and the core provision of the Constitution – independence of Lithuania, the Communist Party shall not be considered a legal party.

17. Persons, having betrayed their Homeland during the Bolshevik or German occupation by collaborating with the enemy, having undermined the struggle for the liberation of the nation by their actions or influence, having been stained by treason or blood, shall be responsible before the Court of Lithuania.

18. The positive impact of religion on developing the morality of the nation and maintaining its resilience during the most difficult period in its struggles for freedom shall be asserted.

19. Social care shall not be a matter of individual citizens or organisations only, but it shall be one of the priority tasks of the state. Particular care shall be provided by the state to those who have fallen victim in struggles for freedom and to their families.

20. Rational solution of social problems and economic reconstruction of the country shall relate to agricultural, urban and industrial reforms which shall be undertaken at the very beginning of independent life.

21. The MSFL Council, in strong unity with the struggling nation, invites all Lithuanians of good will residing in their Homeland and outside its borders, to forget differences in their convictions and actively engage in the liberation of the nation.

22. Contributing to efforts by other nations to create permanent peace underpinned by justice and freedom, based on full implementation of the principles of a genuine democracy stemming from understanding Christian morality and declared in the Atlantic Charter, Four Freedoms, President Truman's 12 Points, the Declaration of Human Rights and other declarations of justice and freedom, the MSFL Council appeals to the whole democratic world for assistance in implementing its goals.

Occupied Lithuania  
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Chairman of the Presidium of the MSFL Council    Vytautas

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   Kardas  
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   Užpalis  
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