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## Grant of Dual Citizenship to Indian Diaspora

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# Resolution on Grant of Dual Citizenship to Indian Diaspora

*(Proposed by PLC Global and submitted by Anu Benny)*

**Whereas**, millions of Indians who migrated abroad for employment, education, and entrepreneurship were compelled to renounce their Indian citizenship to secure residence, welfare, and social benefits in their countries of stay;

**Whereas**, the High-Level Committee (HLC) on the Indian Diaspora, constituted by the Government of India in 2000 under the chairmanship of Dr. L.M. Singhvi, had categorically recommended the grant of **dual citizenship** to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) from select countries;

**Whereas**, the Citizenship Amendment Acts of **2003** and **2005** expressly stated the objective of granting *dual citizenship* through the Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) scheme, but subsequent amendments in **2015** and **2019** diluted these rights and restricted OCI privileges through wide discretionary powers of cancellation;

**Whereas**, over **9.24 lakh Indians** renounced their citizenship between 2015–2021, reflecting an involuntary separation from their homeland and highlighting the absence of an enabling dual citizenship policy;

**Whereas**, more than **130 countries worldwide** have adopted dual citizenship frameworks, recognizing the socio-economic value of diaspora engagement and cross-border identity;

**Whereas**, the Constitution of India, particularly **Article 11**, empowers Parliament to legislate on all matters relating to citizenship, thereby permitting a re-evaluation of the existing framework in line with contemporary global standards and diaspora aspirations;

**Therefore, this Annual General Body Meeting of the Pravasi Legal Cell (PLC) resolves that:**

1. **The Government of India** be urged to take immediate steps to initiate legislative amendments enabling the grant of *dual citizenship* to the Indian diaspora, consistent with the recommendations of the High-Level Committee (2002) and the objectives stated in the Citizenship (Amendment) Acts of 2003 and 2005.

2. **The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) be requested to constitute a Joint Expert Committee to revisit the OCI framework and evolve a practical and transparent policy to extend *dual citizenship rights* to Indians abroad.

3. **The Pravasi Legal Cell** reaffirms its commitment to pursue the matter legally and institutionally, including through the pending Public Interest Litigation (PIL) before the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, and to coordinate with NRI organizations worldwide for policy advocacy.

**Date:** 18 October 2025

**Place:** Thiruvananthapuram / Online (AGM via Zoom)

**Proposed by:** PLC Global

**Seconded by:** PLC Kerala Chapter

Resolution No: 104/2025

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