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Analyze the Madina Accord as Social contract in Detail.

Introduction:

The Madina Accord drafted by the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in 622 CE. It was the first written social contract in human history. It established the framework for peace among the various nations like Muslim, Jews and Pagan tribes. It transformed the fragmented society into unified society, politically and morally. Similarly, it also established the concept of Ummah and stopped the discrimination on the basis of race and class.

Definition and Nature of Social Contract:

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Social contract refer to an agreement among individuals (or) groups to form an organized society. Masses of a specific geographical unit surrender some rights for establishment of protection of life and property. Thinkers like Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau illustrate the concept of social contract.

Main Features of the Madina Records

(a) Formation of Unified Community:

The Social contract declared the concept of citizenship. All communities in Madina would be equal under the constitution of Madina. There was a political authority which unified all masses of the Madina in a single community.

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(b) Religious Freedom:

"The Jews have their religion and the Muslims have their."

There was religious freedom according to the constitution of Medina. All minorities had protected under the accord of Medina along with their holy places.

(c) Collective Security and Mutual Defense

"They shall help one another against anyone who fights the people of this document."

All the signatories of Medina agreed to protect the state of Medina from foreign invasion. The accord illustrates the cooperative mechanism among the masses of Medina for security.

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(d) Role of law and justice

The accord of Madina established the concept of justice. All disputes had resolved under the supervision of prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The contract transformed the tribal mechanism and rituals of justice into centralized and formalized structure of justice.

(E) Protection of Weak and Accountability.

The social contract of Madina was the guarantor for the protection of weak and oppressed. It completely prohibited harboring criminals and promote the collective responsibility for the maintaining of peace.

(F) Autonomy of Tribes:

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had provided autonomy for the protection of Tribes rituals, laws and customs. All Tribes had allowed to maintain their lifestyle according to their culture.

Strengths of Madina Accord

- # The constitution of Madina was the first written document (or) constitution in human history.
- # Established the pluralistic and inclusive model of governance.
- # Upheld justice, equality and mutual defense.
- # Replaced the Tribal law with moral-legal framework.

Conclusion:

The Madina accord was the first constitutional framework.

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Which protect the political, social and economic rights of all tribes and communities. It guaranteed rights, duties, justice and coexistence with any discrimination. Similarly, the accord had provided proper institutional structure to established the civilized society.