

WE THE MACEDONIANS,

UNABLE AND UNWILLING TO BEAR ANY LONGER, THE BURDEN OF INJUSTICE AND THE GROWING AND UNPRECEDENTED PRESSURE INFLICTED UPON US BY THE VERY NATION STATES AND INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT PRETEND TO BE THE GATEKEEPERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

APPEAL TO THE PEOPLES AND THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD FOR YOUR SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT.

WE WISH TO FIRST AND FOREMOST INFORM YOU:

THAT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF ONGOING “NEGOTIATIONS” ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL NAME OF OUR COUNTRY, WHICH BEGAN IN 1993 UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND WHICH ARE IN BREACH OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, **WE ARE SHOCKINGLY BEING FORCED TO CHANGE THE NAME OF OUR COUNTRY, OUR ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITY, OUR LANGUAGE, AND OUR HISTORY, AS A PRE-CONDITION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN, NATO, AND THE EU**

THAT THIS BARBARIC AND, IN ESSENCE, GENOCIDAL CRIME, IS BEING PERPETRATED NOT ONLY BY GREECE, BUT BY THE UNITED NATIONS, THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND NATO, AND KEY MEMBER STATES THEREOF, THROUGH CONSTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE, INCLUDING THREATS OF DESTABILISATION, AND **VIA THE MECHANISMS OF CONDITIONALITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THESE ORGANISATIONS**

THAT THIS SUICIDAL ACT HAS ALSO BEEN SUPPORTED BY **OUR VERY OWN GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS WILLING TO CHANGE OUR NAME, IDENTITY, LANGUAGE AND HISTORY IN BLATANT VIOLATION OF OUR CULTURAL RIGHTS AND OUR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION,** WITH NO CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE IT REPRESENTS NOR ANY CONSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS FOR SUCH ACTS,

THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE BEING BLACKMAILED INTO ACCEPTING TO, DE JURE, COMMIT SUICIDE,

THAT THESE DISGRACEFUL AND BURDENSOME PRECONDITIONS - **TO CHANGE NOT ONLY THE NAME OF OUR STATE BUT APPALINGLY, OUR ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITY, NATIONALITY AND LANGUAGE - HAVE LED TO COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA CAUSING SERIOUS MENTAL HARM, AND INCREASING INTERNAL TENSIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO INTERNAL CONFLICT,**

THAT THESE ILLEGAL PRECONDITIONS AMOUNT TO TORTURE, **INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT,**

AND THAT THESE IMMORAL PRECONDITIONS ARE IN BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE IRONY OF THE SITUATION:

THAT THE MACEDONIANS, A PEOPLE DOCUMENTED IN THE BIBLE, ARE PARADOXICALLY EXPECTED TO **ERASE THEMSELVES FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS AND MAPS OF THE WORLD TODAY - IN AN ERA OF THE SUPREMACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY, AND BY THE VERY NATION STATES THAT SUPPOSEDLY BROUGHT FORTH THESE VALUES TO OUR WORLD – IN ORDER TO JOIN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NATO**

WE WISH TO HIGHLIGHT, THAT WHILE HISTORY HAS KNOWN POGROMS AND OBSCENE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, IT HAS NEVER WITNESSED THIS SCALE AND CATEGORY OF SUCH AN **INTERNATIONALLY ORCHESTRATED CRIME**, BY WHICH MORE THAN 15 MILLION PEOPLE, IN THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA AND ABROAD, **ARE BEING ORDERED TO SELF-DESTRUCT**

WE ALERT YOU, THEREFORE, THAT IN A PRECEDENT OF WORLD HISTORY, OUR NATION IS BECOMING EXTINCT WITH THE STROKE OF THE WESTERN PEN. WE, THE MACEDONIANS, ARE BEING ASKED BY THE VERY SAME EUROPE WHICH WE ENLIGHTENED, TO CEASE AND DESIST.

AND THAT THIS DENIAL OF ETHNIC IDENTITY AMOUNTS TO AN UNPRECEDENTED AND HISTORIC GENOCIDE

LET IT BE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR THAT WE SHALL NO LONGER REMAIN SILENT. AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES AND NATIONS IN THIS WORLD HELP US OVERTURN THIS INJUSTICE.

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, WE SHALL HOLD ACCOUNTABLE ALL THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DENIAL OF OUR NAME, OUR ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITY, AND OUR LANGUAGE.

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WITH THIS OPEN LETTER WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING:

CONSCIOUS THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTS ARE BEING MASTERMINDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE IN ORDER TO CLOSE A HUNDRED YEAR CHAPTER OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, WAR CRIMES AND THE ATTEMPT OF GENOCIDE ON THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE

CONSCIOUS ALSO, OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE DENIAL OF ETHNIC IDENTITY OF THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE TO THIS VERY DAY

WEARY THAT THE GREEK NEGOTIATING POSITIONS VIS-À-VIS THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA IN THE "NAME ISSUE" ARE MERELY A CONTINUATION AND AN INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED GREEK DOMESTIC POLICIES OF ASSIMILATION AND DENIAL VIS-À-VIS THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE

AND MINDFUL THAT THESE SAME GREEK NEGOTIATING POSITIONS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN BY CERTAIN MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND NATO, DESPITE THE VERDICT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE JUDGMENT OF 5 DECEMBER 2011, IN FAVOUR OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, CONCERNING GREECE'S ACTIONS TO BLOCK THE ENTRY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA INTO ALL REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

WE CALL UPON THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND ALLIANCES, TO TAKE CONSCIENCE OF THESE HISTORICAL FACTS, AND TO ADHERE TO INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS , AS WELL AS TO THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATION STATES, AND

WE CAUTION THEM TO BE WEARY AND MINDFUL OF THEIR OWN IMPLICATIONS - PAST AND PRESENT - INTO THE VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, AS WELL AS HUMAN RIGHTS

AND WE WARN THEM TO TAKE NOTE THAT GREECE IS DISHONEST WHEN IT STATES IT WISHES A SOLUTION. RATHER GREECE ACTIVELY AND CONTINUOUSLY WORKS AND LOBBIES FOR "SOLUTIONS" THAT WILL ERADICATE THE MACEDONIAN ETHNIC IDENTITY, OR THAT WILL TRIGGER A CONFLICT WITHIN REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, SO THAT IT CEASES TO EXIST.

WE FURTHERMORE REMIND THEM OF THE FACT THAT EVERY STATE HAS A NATURALLY INHERENT RIGHT TO A NAME AND THAT THE DETERMINATION OF A STATE'S NAME REPRESENTS THE SUBJECT MATTER SOLELY OF ITS OWN SOVEREIGN DOMESTIC JURISDICTION,

THAT A STATE'S NAME, AS THE LEGAL IDENTITY OF INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS, IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF ITS JURIDICAL PERSONALITY, AND ITS STATEHOOD,

AND THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 113/II OF 1947 AND 197/III OF 1948, AND IN PARTICULAR, THE ADVISORY OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE DELIVERED ON 28 OF MAY, 1948, RELATING TO THE INADMISSIBILITY OF PRECONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE OF THE EXHAUSTIVE CONDITIONS OF ARTICLE 4(1) OF UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, FORBID ANY MEMBER STATE, BODY OR ORGAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL PRECONDITIONS TO ASPIRING MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

AS SUCH, THE CONDITION IMPOSED UPON MACEDONIA, TO DISCUSS ITS NAME, AS WELL THE ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITY OF ITS CITIZENS, AND THEIR LANGUAGE, IS IN VIOLATION NOT ONLY OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER

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WE HEREBY CALL UPON

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF MACEDONIA
 - A. TO IMMEDIATELY STOP NEGOTIATING THE NAME OF OUR COUNTRY, OUR ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITY, OUR LANGUAGE, AND OUR HISTORY

2. WE CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE
 - A. TO PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE AND APOLOGIZE FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF TORTURE, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT, LEGAL, PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REPRESSION, AND VARIOUS OTHER POLICIES OF ASSIMILATION, INCLUDING THE DENIAL OF ETHNIC IDENTITY, POPULATION EXCHANGES, FORCED MASS EXODUSES, THE FORCIBLE TRANSFER OF CHILDREN, THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE, PSYCHOLOGICAL PROPAGANDA AND INDOCTRINATION, AND OTHER STATE POLICIES VIS-A-VIS THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE, THAT AMOUNTED TO CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, WAR CRIMES, AND GENOCIDE

 - B. TO ESTABLISH A TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION TO EXAMINE ABUSES COMMITTED FROM 1913 UNTIL TODAY, WHICH WILL FOCUS ON TRUTH DETERMINATION IN ORDER TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR

RECONCILIATION WITH ITS MACEDONIAN MINORITY, AND AS A BASIS OF BUILDING GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

- C. TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXISTENCE OF THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE, AND TO ELIMINATE STATE-SPONSORED ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION AND XENOPHOBIA AGAINST THE MACEDONIAN PEOPLE IN ITS WORST FORM - DENIAL OF ETHNIC IDENTITY - THAT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COURTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND NGOS, INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE UNITED NATIONS INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON MINORITIES ISSUES, AND HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH
 - D. TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND IMPLEMENT THE VERDICT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF 5 DECEMBER 2011 AND CEASE PREVENTING THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA'S INTEGRATION IN INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
3. WE CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE PRESIDENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY POLICY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY & ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SO-CALLED "NAME ISSUE"
- A. TO PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE AND APOLOGIZE FOR THEIR GOVERNMENT'S AND INSTITUTION'S ONGOING DENIAL OF THE ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITY OF THE MACEDONIANS AND THEIR LANGUAGE, AS WELL AS THE ONGOING DENIAL OF THE LEGAL IDENTITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
 - B. TO STOP INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE - THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA - WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD (137 OF 193 MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS)
4. **WE CALL UPON THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR IN THE FIELD OF CULTURAL RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE MISSION TO GREECE AS WELL AS TO MACEDONIA, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE FACTS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE MACEDONIAN PEOPLE ARE BEING DENIED THEIR VERY BASIC CULTURAL RIGHTS – THE RIGHT TO THEIR ETHNIC IDENTITY AND LANGUAGE, THE RIGHT TO FREELY DETERMINE AND DEFINE THEIR ETHNIC IDENTITY AND THEIR RIGHT TO FREELY DETERMINE, DEFINE AND SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE, IN BOTH COUNTRIES BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NATO**

5. WE CALL UPON THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL ADVISER ON THE PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE AND THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL ADVISER ON THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT
 - A. TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AS WELL AS CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, WAR CRIMES AND GENOCIDE, AGAINST THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE, SINCE 1913 AND UNTIL TODAY, AND
 - B. TO PROPOSE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AS WELL AS TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE GENOCIDE, WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY COMMITTED AGAINST THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE SINCE 1913
 - I. THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AND THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL SHOULD HAVE THE MANDATE TO INVESTIGATE ALL ATROCITIES COMMITTED VIS-À-VIS THE MACEDONIAN PEOPLE IN GREECE SINCE 1913, AND ESPECIALLY DURING THE CIVIL WAR IN GREECE FROM 1946 UNTIL 1949 AND IN PARTICULAR:
 1. TO INQUIRE INTO THE DISPROPORTIONATE AND ILLEGAL USE OF THE CHEMICAL WEAPON NAPALM B ON THE MACEDONIAN POPULATION IN GREECE BY EXTERNAL FORCES IN SUPPORT OF THE GREEK ROYALIST – FORMERLY FASCIST GOVERNMENT.
 2. TO INQUIRE INTO THE SO CALLED “PAIDOPOLEIS” OR CHILDREN SCHOOLS OR ORPHANAGES, ESTABLISHED AND ORCHESTRATED BY QUEEN FREDERICA OF HANNOVER (THEN QUEEN OF GREECE), WHERE CHILDREN (NOT ORPHANS) WERE ABDUCTED FROM MACEDONIAN PARENTS AND INDOCTRINATED TO BE PROUD AND DEVOUT GREEKS.
 - II. THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AND THE SPECIAL TRIBUNAL SHOULD HAVE THE MANDATE TO CORRELATE THEIR FINDINGS OF PAST AND PRESENT GENOCIDAL POLICIES VIS-À-VIS THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE, WITH THE CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY OF GREECE VIS-À-VIS THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA. IN PARTICULAR, THEY SHOULD ESTABLISH WHETHER THE GREEK NEGOTIATING POSITIONS IN THE ONGOING TALKS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MATTHEW NIMETZ, ARE A CONTINUATION OF THE DENIAL OF ETHNIC IDENTITY OF THE MACEDONIAN MINORITY IN GREECE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY, A CONTINUATION OF THE ATTEMPT OF GENOCIDE OVER THE MACEDONIAN PEOPLE – THIS TIME THROUGH THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL TOOLS OF CONDITIONALITY FOR MEMEBRSHIP IN REGIONAL (EU) AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS (UN AND NATO), AND WITH THE HELP AND PRESSURE EXERTED BY NATION STATES WHO ARE THEIR ALLIES IN THESE ORGANISATIONS.
6. WE CALL UPON THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL

- A. TO IMMEDIATELY DISCHARGE FROM DUTY HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MATTHEW NIMETZ, APPOINTED TO OVERSEE THESE FARCICAL “NEGOTIATIONS” BETWEEN GREECE AND MACEDONIA.
 - B. TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND IMPLEMENT THE ADVISORY OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE DELIVERED ON 28 OF MAY, 1948, RELATING TO THE INADMISSIBILITY OF PRECONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE OF THE EXHAUSTIVE CONDITIONS OF ARTICLE 4(1) OF UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE UNUSUAL CONDITIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA CONTAINED IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 817/1993 AND THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/225 ARE EXTRANEOUS TO THE LIMITED LIST OF CONDITIONS LAID DOWN IN ARTICLE 4 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, THUS VIOLATING THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THE LEGAL ORDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION.
 - C. PROPOSE A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF MACEDONIA UNDER ITS OFFICIAL CONSTITUTIONAL NAME “REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA” (AND TO THEREBY ANNUL OR AMEND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 817/1993 AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/225)
7. WE CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE 137 STATES WHO RECOGNIZED THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA AS SUCH, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER FRIENDLY NATIONS AND PEOPLES SYMPATHETIC TO OUR PLIGHT, TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
- A. TO SUPPORT, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UPCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE CREATION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED INDEPEDENT COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AND SPECIAL TRIBUNAL, AND TO BE GUIDED BY JUSTICE AND BY THE PRINCIPLES OF UNIVERSALITY, IMPARTIALITY, OBJECTIVITY, AND NON-SELECTIVITY, CONSTRUCTIVE INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION
 - b. TO SUPPORT, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UPCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF MACEDONIA UNDER ITS OFFICIAL CONSTITUTIONAL NAME “REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA” (AND TO THEREBY ANNUL OR AMEND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 817/1993 AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/225)

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SHALL THE AFOREMENTIONED POINTS NOT BE ADDRESSED BY THE PERPETRATORS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CRIMES WITHIN REASONABLE TIME (AND BY, AT LATEST, JULY 2018), **WE SHALL FORMALLY PRESS FORTH CHARGES AGAINST:**

THE MACEDONIAN GOVERNMENT, THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION WHICH REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA UNDER ITS CONSTITUTIONAL NAME, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED

NATIONS AND HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, MATTHEW NIMETZ, THE PRESIDENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY POLICY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY & ENLARGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO, AND ALL HEADS OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND ALLIANCES, AS WELL AS HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, WHO, BY DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF A SEPARATE MACEDONIAN ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITY AND LANGUAGE, OR BY ACTIVELY PURSUADING THE MACEDONIAN GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE THE NAME OF ITS COUNTRY AND THE ETHNIC AND NATIONAL IDENTITY OF ITS PEOPLE AS WELL AS THEIR LANGUAGE AND HISTORY, OR SIMPLY BY ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN WHILE THE STATE, ALLIANCE OR ORGANISATION IS UNDER THEIR HELM,

ARE COMMITTING THE FOLLOWING CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

- **Denial of Dignity, under Article 1 of the Universal Declaration for Human Rights** which states that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights;” and **Article 1 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union** which states that “human dignity is inviolable. It must be respected and protected.”
- **Denial of Integrity, under Article 3 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union** which states that “Everyone has the right to respect for his or her physical and mental integrity.”
- **Discrimination based on language and national origin, and on the international status of the country, under Article 2 of the Universal Declaration for Human Rights** which states that: “Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.”
- **Denial of the Right to Self-Determination under common Article 1 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,** which states that “All peoples have the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.”
- **Denial of cultural rights, under the Preamble and Articles 1, 3, 6, and 15 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,** all of which emphasize the right to take part in cultural life.
- **Intentional destruction of cultural heritage,** which is defined, under Part II of the **UNESCO Declaration concerning the Intentional Destruction of Cultural Heritage** as “an act intended to destroy in whole or in part cultural heritage, thus compromising its integrity, in a manner which constitutes a violation of international law or an unjustifiable offence to the principles of humanity and dictates of public conscience...”
- **State responsibility for intentional destruction of cultural heritage** under Part VI of the **UNESCO Declaration concerning the Intentional Destruction of Cultural Heritage,** which stipulates that “A State that intentionally destroys or intentionally fails to take appropriate measures to prohibit, prevent, stop, and punish any intentional destruction of cultural heritage of great importance for humanity, whether or not it is inscribed on a list maintained by UNESCO or another international organization, bears the responsibility for such destruction, to the extent provided for by international law.”
- **Individual criminal responsibility for intentional destruction of cultural heritage** under Part VII of the **UNESCO Declaration concerning the Intentional Destruction of Cultural Heritage** which stipulates

that “[States should take all appropriate measures, in accordance with international law, to establish jurisdiction over, and provide effective criminal sanctions against, those persons who commit, or order to be committed, acts of intentional destruction of cultural heritage of great importance for humanity, whether or not it is inscribed on a list maintained by UNESCO or another international organization.”

- **Degrading and Inhuman Treatment under Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights,** which declares that “No one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;” and **Article 4 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union** which states “no one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.”
- **Torture, Under Article 1 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,** which defines torture as “any act by which **severe pain or suffering,** whether physical or **mental,** is **intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as obtaining from him** or a third person information or a **confession,** punishing him for an act he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, **or intimidating or coercing him** or a third person, or for any reason **based on discrimination of any kind, when such pain or suffering is inflicted by or at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a public official or other person acting in an official capacity.** It does not include pain or suffering arising only from, inherent in or incidental to lawful sanctions.
- **Crimes Against Humanity, under Article 7 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and in particular** “(f) torture– the intentional infliction of severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, upon a person in the custody or under the control of the accused (h) persecution against any identifiable group on ... national, ethnic, ... grounds that are universally recognized as impermissible under international law, and (k) other inhumane acts of a similar character intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or to mental or physical health.”
- **Genocide, under Article 2 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and under Article 6 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, both of which define genocide as** “any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such: (a) Killing members of the group; (b) **Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;** (c) **Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction** in whole or in part; (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.
- **Denial of the right to enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, under Article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,**
- **Denial of the right to freedom of expression under Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention of Human Rights, , and Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,** which stipulate that “Everyone has the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include freedom to hold opinions...”
- **Denial of the freedom of assembly under Article 12 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights , and Article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,** which stipulate that “everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and to freedom of association at all levels...”

All of the above-mentioned states which are party to the above-mentioned legal instruments are liable and shall be therefore held accountable, collectively and individually, under these instruments, for these acts.

WE INVITE ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS WHO FEEL THAT THEIR RIGHTS, TOO, HAVE BEEN SUPRESSED DUE TO THE PRESENT DAY INTERNATIONAL POLICIES OF DOUBLE STANDARDS PARTIALITY, SELECTIVITY, AND INTERFERENCE INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVERIEGN NATION STATES, TO RAISE AND SUPPORT OUR CAUSE.

Signed during these months of March, April and May 2018, by the following non-governmental and civil society organizations, political parties, human rights advocates, renowned professors, journalists, intellectuals, poets, artists, diplomats, politicians, businessmen and other affluent individuals and movements within the Republic of Macedonia as well as among the Macedonian diaspora and throughout the world:

Organisations within the Republic of Macedonia

1. Macedonian Coordinative Movement “All for Unitary Macedonia-SUM” – representing 23 organisations membering approximately 10,000 citizens
2. Makedonski Manifest – representing 40,000 citizens
3. Prerodba – representing 30,000 citizens
4. Movement for the organization of spiritual rights in Macedonia DODOMA – representing 10,000 citizens
5. GLAS za Makedonija, political party
6. Group of Professors of Macedonia
7. We – The Macedonian People – representing thousands of Macedonians in Greece
8. MAKEDON – Association of Organizations Promoting the Rights of Aegean Macedonians
9. Movement of Journalists in Macedonia
10. Citizens’ Initiative STAV – representing 2,000 citizens
11. Macedonian United Forces – representing 2,000 citizens
12. Tvrdo Kornj – representing 1,000 citizens
13. KOD – representing 500 members

Organisations outside of the Republic of Macedonia

14. Macedonian Human Rights Movement International – Toronto, Canada, representing human rights of Macedonians worldwide
15. World Macedonian Congress – umbrella organization representing 500 diaspora organisations in 60 countries, numbering approximately 15,000 Macedonians
16. United Macedonian Diaspora – representing 180,000 Macedonians worldwide
17. The Global NonPartisan “Movement We are Macedonia” – representing 25,000 Macedonians
18. The Macedonian Community Council of Melbourne and Victoria – representing 40,000 Macedonians
19. Forum of Macedonian Societies, Bern, Switzerland – representing 1,000 Macedonians
20. Union of Macedonian Organisations and Clubs, Vilmergen, Switzerland – representing 400 Macedonians
21. Association “Aleksandar Makedonski” Yverdon, Switzerland – representing 30 Macedonians
22. Association Reframa - Rencontre Franco Macédonienne, Geneva, Switzerland
23. Union of Macedonian Schools in Lausanne, Switzerland – representing 60 Macedonians
24. Macedonian Diaspora, Crissier, Switzerland – representing 500 Macedonians
25. Association “Ilinden” Rouen, France, representing 100 Macedonians
26. Associazione “Il Ponte di Pietra Canelli” Italy, representing 600 Macedonians
27. Macedonian Orthodox Church, Tous les Saints, Crissier, Switzerland
28. Macedonian Orthodox Church, “Sveti Naum Ohridski” Triningen, Switzerland

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONSULT THE FOLLOWING PUBLICATIONS:

- Human Rights Watch Report “Denying Ethnic Identity: The Macedonians of Greece” (New York/Washington, D.C./ Los Angeles / London: Human Rights Watch, 1994)
- United Nations Human Rights Council, “Promotion and Protection of All Human Rights, Civil Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Including the Right to Development: Report of the Independent Expert on Minorities Issues, Gay McDougall - Addendum, Mission to Greece, 8-16 September, 2008” (Human Rights Council, 18 February 2009)
- Thomas Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, “Report on Visit to Greece on 8-10 December of 2008” (Strasbourg, Council of Europe, 19 February, 2009)
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, “Report on Greece” (Strasbourg, Council of Europe, 15 September, 2009)
- Judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the “Case of Sidiropoulos and Others v. Greece” (Judgment, Strasbourg, 10 July 1998) (Finding Greece in Violation of Article 11: Freedom of Assembly and Association of the European Convention on Human Rights for closing down the Home of Macedonian Culture)
- Judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the “Case of Ouranio Toxo and Others v. Greece” (Judgement, Strasbourg, 20 October, 2005; 20 January, 2006)
- Judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the “Case of the House of Macedonian Civilisation and Others v. Greece,” (App.no. 1295/10 Strasbourg, 9 July 2015)
- Statements by Greek Helsinki Watch, and Panayote Dimitras, Greek Human Rights Defender, at the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, and Committee on Civil and Political Rights, on Greece

FEEL FREE TO ALSO CONSULT THE FOLLOWING LITERATURE:

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