

The President of the French Republic
M. Emmanuel Macron
Palais de l'Élysée

February 12, 2019

Excellency of President,

On behalf of Chaldean-Syriac-Araméens -Assyrian people cultural, religious and societal organizations, we are writing you to share our opinion with your Excellency on an important issue. On February 5, during your presence at the event of France Armenian Associations, you declared that 24 April will be commemorated as Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day. We welcome your courageous decision and support for the cause of Armenian people. Commemoration of past atrocities and genocides is important to remember painful history and build brighter future.

Excellency of President, during the World War I, Ottoman-Turkish authorities and rulers carried out first genocide of century against Christian components of the empire namely Armenians, Chaldean-Syriac-Araméens -Assyrian people and Greek Pontic people with utmost tragedies, human suffering and annihilation of native people of Anatolia and Mesopotamia by killings, mass deportation and atrocities. Moreover, historical richness, cultural, social and religious presence had been demolished and wiped out.

During the genocide of 1915 as Chaldean-Syriac-Araméens -Assyrian people call it "Sayfo" in Syriac language which means sword, around 500.000 people killed, hundred of thousands civilians perished, women and children faced forced islamisation. Historical churches, monasteries, villages and towns had been demolished while religious, cultural and societal leaders and figures had been targeted systematically.

Excellency of President, your courageous decision to designate 24 April as Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day will be written in the history of the people. Meanwhile, as the genocide of 1915 targeted also our Chaldean-Syriac-Araméens -Assyrian people, we kindly ask to consider recognise genocide of our people and designate also a day for its commemoration. We believe that this will complete your engagement regarding the truth and justice vis-a-vis the genocide of 1915.

Excellency of President, as France the country of equality and fraternity, we believe your engagement will continue to support our people and their history for the sake of truth, justice and history.

With warm regards,

European Syriac Union ESU – Belgique
Union des Assyro-Chaldéens de France - France
Association Culturelle des Araméens de Paris ACAP – France
Association Culturelle Franco-Syriaque - France
Association Culturelle Syriaque Orthodoxe Saint Gabriel – France
Föderation Suryoye Deutschland – Allemagne
Central Council of Oriental Christians in Germany - Allemagne
Syrische Sport und Kultur Verein Göppingen – Allemagne
Wiederaufbau des Christlichen Orients WCO Göppingen – Allemagne

Federation of Development Organizations of Tur Abdin DETA – Allemagne
Tour de Babel – Belgique
Association des Assyro-Chaldéens de Belgique
Institut Mésopotamie de Bruxelles - Belgique
Centre Culturel du Peuple de Mésopotamie - Belgique
Centre Bruxellois du Génocide Syriaque – Belgique
Bethnahrin Patriotic Union in Irak – Irak
Beth Nahrain Democracy Party - Irak
Chaldean Democratic Forum - Irak
M-P. Al Worka Blok - Irak
Qaraqosh Notables Council - Irak
Karamles Council of Notables - Irak
Beth Nahrain Organization For Woman - Irak
Syriac Humanitarian Organization - Irak
Hadyab Society For Competencies - Irak
KLDO_ASHUR Org - Irak
Baghdada Organization - Irak
Iraq Women League - Irak
Mayor of the District of Hamdaniye – Irak
Universal Syriac Union Party of Lebanon - Liban
Stichting Beth Nahrain Informatie Bureau – Pays-Bas
Association Derik – Pays-Bas
Suroyo TV - Suède
Democratic Party of Bethnahrin – Suède
Assyrian Democratic Organisation – Suède
Centre Culturel Assyrien de Norsborg – Suède
Centre Culturel Araméen Syriaque de Norsborg – Suède
Conseil église Syriaque Orthodoxe de Suède - Suède
Centro Culturale Bethnahrin Ticino - Suisse
Bethnahrin Women Union HNB - Suisse
Syriac Union Party in Syria – Syrie
Syriac Cultural Association in Syria - Syrie
Federation of Syriac Associations in Turkey - Turquie
Suryoyo American Association - USA
American Syriac Union – USA