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Solemn tribute to the “Righteous” of Europe

Written Declaration No 392

This written declaration commits only the members who have signed it

The undersigned:

1. Noting that the “Righteous” of France, who risked their own lives to save Jews during the Second World War, were very recently honoured;
2. Considering that, in view of its very origins and great symbolism, the Council of Europe would be an ideal forum for paying tribute to the “Righteous” from all over Europe who are still alive and commemorating those no longer with us;
3. Believing that the exemplary role of the “Righteous” of Europe means that a ceremony in their honour would highlight the spirit of resistance to all dictatorships and their excesses through a process of joint reflection;
4. Suggest that the Council of Europe take the initiative of holding a ceremony in Strasbourg focusing on the “Righteous” on an exemplary basis;
5. Believe that that would permit discussion, in the presence of the surviving “Righteous” of Europe, of the issues of resistance and pan-European commitment;
6. Suggest that the event should include political figures and academics who would send out an exemplary joint message for a common future.

Signed (see overleaf)

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Signed:¹

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Total = 21

¹ SOC: Socialist Group
EPP/CD: Group of the European People's Party
ALDE: Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
EDG: European Democratic Group
UEL: Group of the Unified European Left
NR: not registered in a group