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The abduction of the soldier Gilad Shalit

Written Declaration No 380

This written declaration commits only the members who have signed it

The undersigned members of the Parliamentary Assembly

Recall that the Parliament of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, enjoys observer status in the Assembly of the Council of Europe since 1957;

Affirm their indignation of any invitation made to such Palestinian delegations including Hamas members, a recognised terrorist organisation by the international community which abducted the soldier Gilad Shalit;

Recall that Hamas is supported by the Iranian regime, which is negating the Holocaust and does not recognise Israel's right of existence;

Express the firm wish that the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe will abstain from any contact with Hamas, as done by United Nations; European Union and the majority of the international community;

Strongly condemns the recent abduction of Gilad Shalit, a soldier holding double French and Israeli nationalities, perpetrated against international law by Hamas;

Appeal to Council of Europe member states and observers to urgently exercise all necessary pressures, actions and initiatives to guarantee the immediate release of Gilad Shalit, assuring that his physical integrity will not be harmed;

Invite the organs of the Council of Europe, including INGOs enjoying participatory status as fourth pillars of the institution, to clearly express themselves as INGOs and draw necessary conclusions on the future policy of the Council of Europe concerning developments in the Middle East.

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