

RELAY OF REMEMBRANCE – RELAY OF LIFE

CALL FOR A EUROPE FOR THE PEOPLE – BY THE PEOPLE

Preamble

We, survivors of the Holocaust – labeled as slaves by the numbers branded on us in the German Nazi concentration camps – feel that time is passing quickly. The world has become increasingly resistant to our testimony about hunger and misery, about annihilating slave labor, about war and hatred, and other Nazi crimes.

We have lived to see the growing realization of a wonderful idea of a new Europe. This Europe was to be built on the memory of the past, as a fundamental principle of a Europe for the people, by the people.

However, what we are observing, are more and more violations of this principle.

In the history of Europe, the basic human rights to health and life were the rights most frequently violated. In the last century alone, two world wars cost the lives of over 100 million people.

In the cycle of events shaping the picture of Europe, one place stood out as the symbol of agony and death: German Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Hundreds of thousands of men and women from across Europe imprisoned in concentration camps lost their lives as slave laborers in the name of corporate greed. Even more, tens of thousands of them lost their lives in pseudo-medical experiments conducted on prisoners in order to obtain patents for various drugs on behalf of different pharmaceutical companies within IG Farben.

Today, the building of a New Europe occurs at a time when, we, the „witnesses of time“ are still giving our testimony as to the consequences of the disregard for human lives and the needs of people.

Our lives were shaped at the time when human life did not have any value and the slave was needed only for his labor. The absolute owners of a human being were not so much SS-men but the robots of money and power from IG Farben Auschwitz.

This is why we feel responsible for the process of building a new Europe for the people and by the people.

This is not an issue of political opinion.

This is our call for remembrance.

This is our call for life,

For rational thinking,

For a Europe for the people and by the people,

For a relay of remembrance,

For a relay of life.

We should never allow this relay to be discontinued even if, from behind the curtains of a new Europe, strange masques appear resembling the faces of IG Farben Auschwitz.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CITIZENS OF EUROPE

The most fundamental human rights are the rights to health and life. These rights are not only threatened by military conflicts, but also by corporate interests and their increasing attempts to exploit the human body and knowledge of it as their exclusive property and source of profits.

WE THEREFORE PROCLAIM AS INALIENABLE RIGHTS FOR EVERY EUROPEAN:

THE RIGHT TO HEALTH

Our health and our bodies are the most valuable goods we have. They must not be exploited as a marketplace for patented drugs or any other form of commercialization. The expansion of diseases as markets for drugs is unconstitutional.

Any healthcare system based on these principles and promoting them should be outlawed.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE

The genome of humans as the blueprint of life and the biological basis of our existence, belongs to all mankind. Efforts to own this genetic code with the goal to re-build, sell and manipulate the human body or parts of it for corporate gain is unconstitutional and therefore prohibited.

THE RIGHT TO NATURAL FOOD

The genetic information of all plants and the food that has been growing in our fields and gardens for millennia belongs to all mankind. Manipulation and alteration of the genetic code of plants with the goal of patenting them and creating global market monopolies bears the danger that our food supplies are controlled by corporate interests. As with health and life, the monopolization of food leads to the control of entire societies.

SUCH ACTIVITY IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The reason why these fundamental human rights are not yet universally accepted and applied is the principle of patenting. Patents are the economic instrument of inflating returns on investments for entire industries including those industries that directly affect human health and life.

LIFE MUST NOT BE PATENTED

In order to enforce this principle and protect the health and lives of this and future generations of Europeans, patents in the fields of health, life and food are declared unconstitutional.

We call upon the CITIZENS of Europe who will read this proposed

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to support it with their signatures.

THE IDEA OF EUROPE FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE

This proposed constitution serves as a blueprint defining fundamental human rights across Europe including the right to healthy environment, respect for human dignity and protection of social values.

We, are passing this call to the citizens of Europe. They have been the true guardians of remembrance preserving the historic memory across generations and will continue the relay of remembrance and relay of life.

Signed

SURVIVORS Together with THE GUARDIANS OF REMEMBRANCE

People and organisations across Europe are called upon to support this proposed Constitution:

Name	Address	Email	Signature
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