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In the name of God and Assyrian Universal Alliance

ܘܢܦܘ ܕܡܠܟܘܬܐ ܕܡܘܨܪܝܐ Hello ,

Your Excellency, the President

The respected members of UNPO & the members of European Parliament and all defenders of Human Rights ,

This is the speech of the representative of an ancient nation who was in very ancient times the pioneer of Humanity .

This is the speech of an old nation who was the emblem of humanity in the world. This is the speech of a nation who could by its civilization & creative genius within many thousand years before Christ lighten the lives of the mankind and courageously we can say that most of the civilization, Culture, Science, & Knowledge of the humans are indebted to this nation .

You may be surprised of this preface and ask who this nation is but if you take a look to the beginning of the human history, you can easily recognize the great Assyrian nation who brightened the lights of human civilization within Mesopotamia .

The Assyrians, one day as owners of a great & unique cultural heritage and as innovators of hand writing, calendar, Hamurabi's laws & etc were living in Mesopotamia. Their civilization, politics, ruling reputation was well known to that day's world and was for thousands of years tinkling .

The Assyrian nation after the decline of their capital Nineveh in 612 B.C. had lost its political center & power, But by its inherent genius & its cultural nobility after accepting the Christianity had still protected its national identity, and as you see this nation is still alive and can shout against oppression & injustice .

Although Assyrians as a nation with an independent government and country, have lost their rights, but in gratitude for the worth services they have done for the loftiness of the human civilization & Culture, It has the right to enjoy all the donations of the Human rights & privileges as an ancient nation as all the nations in the world but they have not. For this reason it has accepted the membership of the UNPO since 1991 in order to be aided by you dears to enable it to gain its own rights.



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We are Assyrians, inheritors of Sumerians who had a bright civilization at four thousand years B.C. in Mesopotamia, and by establishing the Assyrian sovereignty they had laid the foundation of Babel & then they established the first Empire of the Assyrian in Mesopotamia, that Empire which was declined by Korus.

From that date we have been lost through the history and era, and suddenly with the appearance of Christianity and by accepting it we became the pioneers of penetration and spreading the religion of Christ and began to divide all what we own and all our foundations in science, arts and even literature with our neighbors and within a more spread spectrum we exchanged them with other civilizations.

The presence of Hundreds of famous Assyrians in the world & Islam and at the same time, the Islamic thoughts had entered the Assyrian literature and sciences which shows these alive and permanent relations.

The Assyrians then being lost in History again, until the twentieth century when the Ottoman troops wanted to rout the Assyrians through Hakyari hills in Turkey and those for their survival were deceived by the Britain. Fearing from captivity and being massacred by ottoman Turks they forced with a large population in a long queue of about 40 miles to go to Bakubeh near Baghdad on foot or by using quadruped. This painful immigration was one of the most tragic events in the History of this nation which led to the massacre of 750 thousand people of them.

Today, the Assyrians with a new deceit planned by Zionist have resided in refugees' camps in every point of the world, in the west the torrent of their culture and traditions is going to decline. This is the fate of a tribe during your century, the twentieth century. This is the downfall of a nation at the beginning of the twenty first century. A nation who had Mardok & Gilgamesh and the great Library of Ashour Banipal.

Now we have been spread & scattered in every part of the extensive, wide world, and day by day we become more and more far from our homeland, we decided with the help and aid of you, UNPO friends to gather at any part of the world in order to re exist our customs, language, religion, traditions, you should aid us in order to find them alive.

Ones again I want to remind that the twentieth century was one of the most painful centuries for Assyrians and anyway the rising of the Islamic Revolution in Iran had a vanguard of glad tidings and what had been gained was sole. Teaching our mother tongue language which has been prohibited in all over the Middle East region and the neighbor's regimes (except the north of Iraq) is forbidden, but it is not prohibited in our private schools in Iran. Of course the other religious minorities have the same rights.



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There are more than 90 historical churches still remaining alive and constant from the first Christianity years in villages, in some of these villages there isn't even one Assyrian Family living but they are being protected and maintained.

The church of Saint Marry is one of the oldest churches in the world and there are more than tens of other churches which have been registered as Iranian National and Cultural vestige and are maintained.

What makes us feel proud is that, although our population is very little in Iran but the Assyrians have a representative in the Islamic consultative assembly. This member is authorized as the other 290 Iranian members in the assembly.

None of the Parliament of Middle East and neighboring countries include such a representative. Even the Western Countries who feel pride to have liberty in their countries are in lack of special Assyrian representative who is elected by the Assyrians themselves in their Parliament. I today don't want to talk about Iran because there are thousands of positive instances that can be addressed.

Mr. President,

The Assyrians now are scattered in most of the countries of the world and anywhere they live they hope to have a relative prosperity and welfare in life.

Assyrians living in many of the far and near east countries live with other Muslim and Christian citizens and any other ethnic & religious groups with respect and without any difficulty peacefully and securely and enjoy their human rights and enough liberty to keep their cultural heritage.

Iran is one of the best samples and the Iranian Assyrians benefit by a much respect, welfare and much liberties in this country. But most of this nation living in their own grandfather's country Mesopotamia instead of having a more comfortable life because of having the priority and rights arising from tenancy in this country are living at the worst circumstances with disturbance and agitation and depression. Only those residing at the north part of Iraq are living with full comfort and rest with their Kurd brothers.

A short review regarding the miserable situation of Iraqi Assyrians:

- the genocide and persecution of Assyrians before and after WWI;
- the denial of Assyrian political and national rights during the Lausanne conference and by the League of Nations,
- The persecutions and transgressions committed against Assyrians, particularly the massacre of Simele in 1933;



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- the subsequent oppression and persecution of Assyrians by the former Iraqi regimes
 - Threatening, killing & Plunder with terrorist Operation against Assyrians residing in Mosel and Dora & etc. cities.
 - Unrecognizing the Assyrians inherent identity as the most indigenous people of Iraq.
 - Causing the migrate and escaping of Assyrians from their houses and cottages & retention of their houses and lands.
 - Thousands of homeless & refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria & Turkey who live in unpleasant circumstances.
 - Spreading declarations against Assyrians to evacuate their houses, I have a sample of it here which is a copy of the latest notice sent by Ansar Al Islam Group for the Christian Bishop through which they have notified that you Christians and you infidels leave Baghdad, evacuate all the country and the cities of Iraq and go away, go to the sixteenth Pop and all of those who are Islam's enemies and don't return back.
- The infidels Christians have no place with the Muslims and if you don't leave, you will see our swords on your necks. As we have done in Mosel. With this notice anyone will not be able to reject. We have said what should be saying and you should wait for our act. We have witnessed the acts of these groups by killing the Shia's, what about us.
- Now and in respect to what I have mentioned as the Secretary General of the Assyrian Universal Alliance, I am requesting you dears to:
 - is deeply and acutely concerned about the condition of Assyrians in the homeland, where Assyrians are not recognized as the indigenous people of the Federal Republic of Iraq.
 - Reaffirms that Assyrians are entitled to an Autonomous Region in their ancestral homeland, as an integral part of the Federal Republic of Iraq.
 - Confirming its intolerance of the continued denial of Assyrian rights in Iraq and deplors all acts of persecution, terrorism, beheadings, kidnappings and killings committed against Assyrians, and particularly Assyrian religious figures, causing



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massive and disproportionate internal displacements and forced migration of Assyrians from Iraq.

- The necessity for the federal government of Iraq to take all necessary measures to safeguard the rights of Assyrians in future elections in Iraq, not as part of the religious minorities but a deeply rooted ethnicity of Iraq.
- Its appeal to the federal government of Iraq to take all necessary measures to save and protect Assyrian archaeological, sacred and historical sites.
- Its appeal to the federal government of Iraq to provide for all necessary accommodations in order for the displaced and refugee Assyrians to be able to safely return to their homes in Iraq and serve Iraq's social and economic interests.
- Its appeal to the federal government of Iraq to provide the security and security assurances necessary for all Assyrians' safe return to their ancestral homeland, to benefit fully from their national rights as citizens of Iraq, prevent any and all forms of discrimination, oppression and transgressions against Assyrians, including deprivation of the privilege of self determination that is available to other sects and ethnicities of Iraq.

At the end I present my gratitude to the government of Iran for its recognition of the Assyrian Nation as a distinct nation with rights for regional self-determination, and granted them the citizenship rights and availed to have their own representative, contributed to enriching Iran's history, culture, prosperity and security. We urge the continuation of Iran's path toward furthering the principles of freedom and democracy in the region

I present my respects and gratitude to the all leaders of Kurdistan territory (North of Iraq) for their support to the Assyrians living in that district and for their aid for protecting their cultural, social, political rights and letting them enjoy having representatives in the Parliament and ministers in the cabinet especially their efforts to protect and support the recent obligatory escapers from Mosel to other cities and villages in the northern part of Iraq .

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