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INVITATION-PROGRAM OF CONFERENCE

THEME:

- 1) "THE PONTIAC ISSUE IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT"**
- 2) "THE FATE OF HELLENIC CHRISTIAN MONUMENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKEY"**



20 APRIL 2016

TIME 17:00

INVITATION

We invite you to honor with your presence the event that will be held in Brussels on **April 20, 2016 at 17:00 in Room P7C050, in the ALTIERO SPINELLI** building of the European Parliament.

The conference will be held on:

- 1) "THE PONTIAC ISSUE IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT '.**
- 2) "THE FATE OF HELLENIC CHRISTIAN MONUMENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKEY.**

The conference will be attended by Greek and foreign University Professors of history, scientists, media representatives of Pontian, Armenian and Assyrian associations worldwide.

Program

TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2016

12:30 - Memorial service at the Cathedral of the Archangels (Av. De Stalingrand 34, 1000 Brussels), officiated by the Brussels **Metropolitan, Mr. Athenagoras**. The event is organized in collaboration with the Association of Pontian Greeks in Brussels "Καμίαν κ'εν αργώς"

13:30 – Speech entitled "In eternal memory" by Mr. **Haralambos Apostolidis**, Vice-President of P.A.S.P.E. association, lawyer, formal legal counselor of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople,

14: 00-19: 00- Free tour in Brussels

19: 00- Gathering and dance event in STROFILIA restaurant

(Rue du Marché aux Porcs 11-13) in Brussels

WE STRIVE FOR

The respect of human rights of thousands of "Pontic-speaking people in Turkey" that have been trampled on or strangled for decades now

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2016

10:00 – Admission of the delegation to the E. Parliament (Place du Luxembourg).

10:00-11: 30. Welcome and tour of Parliament's , by MEPs. in room PHS 0 C 11.

11: 30- Meetings with officials and representatives of institutions and political formations of the European Parliament.

16: 00-16: 30- Press conference in Room PHS 0A50.

16: 50- Arrival in Room P7C050 in the Altiero Spinelli building.

17: 00- Welcome by a representative of the EP.

17: 35- Title: "**The genocide of Christian populations of the East and the modern Turkish historiography.**"

Speaker: **Mr. Michaelides Iakovos**, Professor of History, Aristotle Un.of Thessaloniki.

17: 50- Speaker: **Mr. Joel Kotek**, Representative of the Eur. Armenian Federation.

18: 05-Title: "**From the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish nation state: The emergence of Turkish nationalism and the consequences for the Christian .(1913-1923)**".

Speaker: **Mr. Spyridon Sfetas**, Professor of History, Aristotle Un. of Thessaloniki.

18: 20- Title: "**The continual genocide of the Assyrians: why international solidarity is critical**".

Speaker: **Mr. Mardean Isaac**, Professor of history, PhD Assyriology.

18: 35- Subject: "1915-2015", **Genocide continues: the centennial loneliness of Asia Minor Christian populations**".

Speaker: **Mr. Sait Cetinoglu**, Turkish historian and academic.

18: 50-Title: "**The Genocide of the Pontic Greeks. Why the Pontic youth still insists**"

Speaker: **Ms. Kasiani Tanimanidis**, Theologist, Graduate in Religious Studies.

19: 00- Resolution.

At the site of the conference a photography exhibition will take place, curated by journalist **Mr. Thomaidis Kiziridou**.

Following the conference members of the delegation are invited for lunch by MEPs in MEP Salon

WE FIGHT FOR

THE RESPECT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE THOUSANDS OF "PONTIAN SPEAKING PEOPLE OF TURKEY", WHICH HAVE BEEN VIOLATED OR EVEN STRANGLED FOR YEARS

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GENOCIDE THAT WAS COMMITTED AGAINST THE HELLENIC POPULATIONS OF PONTOS BY THE YOUNG TURKS AND KEMALISTS IN THE (1914-1923).

On May 19, 1919 by order of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, the second phase of a well-studied plan of extermination of the Greek population that lived on the north coast of the Ottoman Empire was implemented. The company started with the capture and execution of the intellectual and social leadership of the Greeks of Pontos and continued with massacres, deportations and expulsions of Pontiacs throughout the Ottoman territory.

Among hundreds of published documents that certify the heinous crime, the statement of the **British Prime Minister Lloyd George** in the House of Commons in June 1922 is characteristic: "**In Pontus tens of thousands of Greek men, women and children were deported and died. It was clear and deliberate extermination. Extermination is not my word. It is the word used by the American Mission.**"

Eventually 353,000 Pontic Greeks were exterminated with unprecedented barbarity. The crime of genocide that had been committed initially (1914-1918) by the Young Turks was to be completed (1919-1923) by the Kemalists: The survivors were forced to leave their homes, their civilization and everything that their ancestors had created for three thousand years. They were forced to leave their churches, monasteries, cultural monuments, schools, businesses, the thousands of relatives and friends who had become Muslims by force, and they were forced to disperse throughout the world and to move as refugees to Greece and the former USSR countries.

15/28 September 1921 Prison of Timarchus - Amasya

Dearest Ourania

Yesterday, day of the Exaltation of our Holy Cross, we presented ourselves in Istiklal court, I have no more hope now, today the final decision will be taken which will certainly be condemning, I leave you in the protection of the Most Merciful, many words are unnecessary, have courage and patience and hope in the Lord, to lift your heavy load as much as you are able.

I kiss you all sweetly

Your Matthaïos

PS For our beloved children my wish is for their good progress and good conduct to gladden my soul (The MP of Trebizond in the Ottoman parliament Matthaïos Kofidis)

WE FIGHT FOR

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OF 19TH MAY AS THE DAY OF MEMORY OF VICTIMS OF GENOCIDE OF KEMALISM

