European Alliance for Freedom: *Jerusalem Declaration*

Unreserved commitment to Israel's right to exist within secure and internationally recognized borders

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On the occasion of our joint visit and the invitation to Israel, we declare:

The basis of our political activity is our unwavering commitment to democracy and a liberal constitutional state, to human rights as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to international law and to the values of Western civilization, which are based on the intellectual heritage of Greco-Roman antiquity, Judeo-Christian cultural values, humanism and the Enlightenment.

After overcoming the totalitarian systems of the 20th century, humanity is now facing a new global totalitarian threat: fundamentalist Islam. We see ourselves as part of the global fight of the defenders of democracy and human rights against all totalitarian systems and their accomplices. This puts us at the forefront of the fight for Western democratic values.

In doing so, we reject the cultural relativism that tolerates, under the pretext of respecting foreign cultures and traditions, the fact that in parts of the Muslim cultural sphere, people, especially non-Islamic minorities, are restricted in their right to freedom, equality and co-determination. This applies to all parts of the world, and of course first and foremost to Europe, since human rights are universal and geographically indivisible.

The polemic and unjustified accusation that we would promote Islamophobia with this attitude cannot persuade us to renounce the critical spirit of the Enlightenment. Such a renunciation would be disastrous. It would lead to criticism of Islam as a totalitarian system, with the aim of subjugating the world, being confused with the stigmatization of moderate Muslims.

In particular, however, we oppose the abuse of democracy, as proclaimed even by supposedly moderate Islamists: "Democracy is just the train we board until we reach our goal. The mosques are our barracks, the minarets our bayonets, the domes our helmets and the faithful our soldiers."

We categorically reject all forms of fundamentalism, regardless of the religion or political movement involved. We profess the humanist ideals of the Enlightenment, an absolutely essential historical phase of development that Islam has not yet undergone. We utterly condemn terrorism, regardless of who commits it and to what end.

Israel, as the only real democracy in the Middle East, is an important partner for us in this troubled region of the world. A region that has repeatedly had to deal with extremism and terror in recent decades. Without any reservation, we affirm the right of the state of Israel to exist within secure and internationally recognized borders. Likewise, Israel's right to defend itself against all acts of aggression, especially against Islamic terror, must be accepted. We believe that this must be possible while at the same time respecting the human rights and political rights of the Arab population.

The principles of our political work as stated here are inalienable and non-negotiable for us. We reject totalitarian ideas in every form, whether from the extreme left or the extreme right, whether racist or Islamist. We fundamentally respect every people, every culture and every religion. However, we are firmly opposed to any form of violence, to terrorism and totalitarianism and to the political abuse of religions. The right to a homeland is a human right that must be preserved and implemented for all peoples.

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