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## **STATEMENT ON THE LANGUAGE, STATE AND SYMBOLS OF THE BASQUE PEOPLE**

Many Peoples of Europe did not even exist when the proto-european Euskarian People had already been living many millennia in its peri-Pyrenean refuge; and the official or unofficial dialects or sub-dialects of those new Peoples had not still appeared when there lived from immemorial times the language of the Euskarians: the Euskara, to which now they deny the existence in “the Europe of the diversity of its peoples and of its cultures”.

Similarly, many States of the current European Imperialistic Union did not exist when there was constituted the Kingdom of Pamplona: the State of the Basques (or *Vascones*, as the Romans had called them), predecessor of the Kingdom of Nabarre. Not even when – as it was claimed by the panegyrists of the conquest themselves – “the Spaniards did invade, subjugate, confiscate and retain the Kingdom of Nabarre”: occupied, dismembered and annexed by means of the aggression, war, violence and terrorism of its european neighbours and of their civil, military and ecclesiastical accomplices.

Dialects of Latin (as there could eventually have occurred with those of the Punic, should perchance Rome had been defeated in those Wars, or with the Frankish and Gothic languages), the current presence among us of the French and the Spanish (which the imperialistic agents do - when it suits them - call “castilian” so as to camouflage and thereby avoid the irreparable and insurmountable opposition Spanish-Euskara) is the result of historical contingencies alien and hostile to the Basque People, and the trace of an alienation created during centuries on the basis of the aggression, occupation, dismemberment, annexation and colonization against our People and its State: the Kingdom of Nabarre; a criminal enterprise undertaken and achieved by the imperialistic States of France and of Spain by means of State crimes and Terrorism.

The Euskara or Euskera (self-glossonym of the Basque Language) is the sole national and own language of the Basque People/Euskal-Herria. The persecution and banning of the Euskera: *lingua navarrorum* as it was named by the Navarrese Monarchs, at the hands of the French-Spanish imperialistic Nationalism, and the crimes committed in order to tear out from us the language that constitutes our breath, soul and condition of People, are a crime of genocide which shall never be forgotten nor forgiven.

In exercise of the implications that entails the right of independence, free disposition or self-determination of all Peoples: first of human rights and “a prerequisite to the full enjoyment of all fundamental human rights”, the unconditional and immediate evacuation of the occupation forces and the entire apparatus of subjugation and colonization installed on the Countries of the Basques by the mentioned occupying States constitutes the absolute requirement for the democratic resolution of the problems created by the colonialist imperialism, and is also the basic requirement for the restoration of the Euskera. As long as that evacuation does not occur, the refusal to any collaboration and participation in the institutions of the occupying

States, along with the permanent condemnation of them as imperialistic, is the first condition for any opposition that intends to be truly democratic and that is not merely camouflaged collaborationism and submission to the military occupation régimes of France and Spain, presented as “legitimate, non-violent and democratic”.

The full recovery of our national language: an inalienable right of every citizen, is a primary objective of our State; an objective whose achievement requires both of material resources, flexibility and understanding (given the difficult situation which we start from), as well as the sincere commitment expected from those who must take the laudable effort to learn and use it, but that can only be universally achieved from the recovery of our independence. As we’ve quite painfully verified throughout History, in the imperialistic ecosystem of Spain and of France there is not and there cannot be any place for the Basque People or for the Euskera.

Apart from this, it is clear that given - on the one hand - the Idiomatic handicaps created to our State as a result of the imposition of the Spanish and the French, and - on the other - the demands of inter-communication posed by today’s world, the operability of our State raises the inescapable need to adopt a single functional *lingua franca* in line with criteria of effectiveness and usefulness, which may allow us the connection with the surrounding areas of democratic development; even though always maintaining and cultivating with tenacity our essence: our own Euskeric language and culture.

The emblems and flags of the Basque People/Euskal-Herria and of its State: the Kingdom of Nabarre, are all those who have been historically used to symbolize its existence as a sovereign and independent People and State, as they have been handed down by the historiographical documentation. Together with them, since it was conceived and popularly adopted to represent the same political subject: the independent and sovereign Nation of the Basques constituted in the fullness of its rights and seated in the wholeness of the historic Territories of the Basques, the two-crossed flag designed by the Arana-Goiri brothers (whose humiliation, reduction and recuperation by the imperialism have been disgracefully allowed by the collaborationists in the intra-totalitarian transition to the second francoism currently reigning) is also a part of the common heritage of symbols that express and have galvanized our yearning for freedom, democracy and national independence against the aggressions and crimes of the fascist imperialism, colonialism and Nationalism of Spain, of France and of its international partners of the Axis; keeping the pre-eminence, as it’s natural, the flag of our historic State: the Kingdom of Nabarre.

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