



**EUROPEAN UNION OF  
EXILED AND EXPELLED PEOPLE**



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## **STATEMENT**

### **OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF EUROPEAN UNION OF EXILED AND EXPELLED PEOPLE AT THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHUMAN DECLARATION (9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1950)**

On the 60th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (9<sup>th</sup> May 1950), the Secretary-General of the European Union of Exiled and Expelled People sent to the Heads of State and Government of EU member states and to representatives of the higher institutions in Europe, the following message:

**«Sixty years ago, the Foreign Minister of France, Mr Robert Schuman, speaking in the clock room of the Quai d'Orsay, held an extraordinary speech that inclined Europe towards a slow but inexorable process of peace and unity.**

**With steady and even then modern intentions, he had projected an economic model for an innovative, dynamic and efficient Europe, based on the elimination of conflict and solidarity, and more generally on the restoration of legality and respect of relations between states and peoples, by long time deteriorate because of the events of war that ended only a few years earlier.**

**After so many years, we can say with responsible awareness that the metamorphosis desired by Schuman are only now being made or are continuing still too cautiously.**

**However, the greatest achievement of this troubled and difficult process is undoubtedly the achieved peace between European nations, although it remains an anachronistic mistrust between the peoples of Europe.**

**The unification of currency and the dissolution of boundaries, made possible after the collapse of communist regimes, followed the fall of the Berlin Wall, have meant a further step towards the shared values that make it unique and incomparable the feeling of being "citizens of Europe" .**



**It's lacking only one, unique but essential piece: the recognition of historical truth and the affirmation of legality towards millions of European citizens refugees, forcibly expelled or forced to flee from their native territories, during and after World War II, and in time even more recent.**

**The statement of truth about the Holocaust, the genocide of the Armenians and Assyrians, cannot continue to remain "isolated" in a modern and evolved Europe, but rather must be a tragically unforgettable segment of history, which is entering more mass murders, deportations, and expulsions in aberrant proportions.**

**In this way, through the full achievement of this milestone, which sees the safeguarding of respect and dissemination of each truth and every memory its completion, for which many international organizations and institutions are closely involved, we will have made the Europe of Schuman.**

**And so we will have built that future of peace, which only justice by men, not that one manufactured by the passage of time, can ensure to future generations».**

**The Secretary-General  
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