

# APPEAL FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ARMENIANS FROM WESTERN ARMENIA

September 2006 the 16th - considering the following facts :

- For thousands of years, the majority of Armenians lived in Western Armenia as the region's indigenous population, founding a stable and flourishing state, and creating world-class cultural values.
- Under the Ottoman yoke, Armenians were subjected to continuous persecutions, massacres and forced deportations that culminated between 1915-1923 Genocide, after the massacres of 1894-1896 and 1909, resulting in 2 million victims. Armenians of Western Armenia were uprooted from their ancestral homeland and dispersed throughout the world.
- During World War I, Russian forces liberated Western Armenia, but after the 1917 October Revolution, Kemalist Turkish forces, aided by Soviet Communists, reoccupied it.
- After the collapse of the Russian Empire, Armenian sovereignty was reinstated through the establishment of Independent Armenian Republic on a portion of Eastern Armenia. But after two short-lived years, Soviet Russian and Kemalist Turkish Armies overran the fledgling Armenian Republic. After carving out the territories of Nakhitchevan, Kars, Javakhk and Artsakh (Karabagh), a tiny Soviet Armenian state was created, which remained a part of the Soviet Union until 1991.
- In order to remedy their situation and to find solutions to their problems, representatives of Western Armenia held two conferences, one in 1917, and another in 1919 in Yerevan. The second conference established an Executive Body that elected 12 Western Armenian Deputies who became its representatives in the Parliament of the Republic of Armenia.
- The Treaty of Sevres of August 10, 1920 signed by the Principal and Allied Powers on one hand, and Turkey on the other hand, required that "High Contracting Parties agree to submit to the arbitration of the President of the United States of America the question of the border to be fixed between Turkey and Armenia in the provinces of Erzerum, Trebizond, Van and Bitlis, and to accept this decision there up on, as well as any stipulations he may prescribe as to access for Armenia to the sea and as to demilitarization of any portion of Turkey territory adjacent to said border.
- Since that time, the Armenians of Western Armenia have been continuing their question for justice in the World, and based on the following facts :
- After the cessation of the activities of the National Conference and National Delegation that were held in Paris from February 1919 through July 1920, the Armenians of Western Armenia unfortunately, never succeeded in establishing a duly elected Representation that would defend their legal rights;
- A distinct delegation of duties and separation of roles between the Western and Eastern segments of the Armenian People, and a coordination of their efforts could contribute to an optimal solution of their national issues ;

Consequently, we call for :

- **the pursuit of the action under the supervision of an Armenian National Council, by the Armenians from Western Armenia, who are the only ones legally entitled to do so, which would allow to constitute a National Assembly of the Armenians from Western Armenia, whose delegates would be elected by the various communities exiled in various countries and thus, in association, to assert their right to self-determination and to the formation of their own legally constituted State.**

**DECLARATION ON THE HONOUR**

I, the undersigned, name (maiden name) ..... forename(s) .....  
Born on ..... in ..... residing at .....  
Town ..... Country ..... E-mail .....  
Occupation ..... declares on the honour being the descendant of at least one Armenian  
parent issued from Western Armenia, Town ..... Region .....

(mention : read and approved for the constitution of a National Assembly of the Armenians from Western  
Armenia)

Date and signature :

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consent of the concerned member.**