

D E C L A R A T I O N

OF THE KURDISH ASSOCIATION FOR ECOLOGICAL PROTECTION OF KURDISTAN

We the writers jurists, physicians and other intellectuals of Kurdistan, led by the idea that the European ecological movements, organization and forums have the main task to propose positive measures for improvement of the natural environment of the Old Continent, and to prevent an eventual world ecological catastrophe make this appeal to the world for understanding and moral support towards the long-suffered Kurdish people. All of us understand perfectly that Nature should not be European Asian or African - it is possession, a home belonging to humanity as a whole, of all peoples. Devastation of any kind of organic life on any part of the Planet should not remain unpunished for the mankind as a whole.

In 1988 thousands of Kurds-civil population, were gased to death by Iraqi chemical weapons. Much of the Kurdish lands has been made a "free-fire" zone, a man-made desert in which all humans, livestock and cultivable fertile lands have been devastated. Let us all remember this day - 16 March 1988, as a mournful celebration of the memory of the thousands guiltless victims. Our Association proposes this date as an international Day of memory for all victims of chemical and other kinds of mass-killing weapons and a day of support for the justful fight against all infringements of the international documents on human rights and banning of chemical and all other kinds of mass killing weapons.

And in order to be heard this appeal by the widest possible part of the world society, and to unite our efforts in the name of protection of life on the Earth, the Association incorporates itself as a member of the world-movement "Ecoforum for Peace", the headquarters of which is situated in Bulgaria.

We believe that the humanity should live in peace and brotherhood, for our Earth belongs to everyone of us!

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