

**Speech addressed by Alejo Vidal-Quadras, Vicepresident of the European Parliament, to the gathering of the Iranian exile held in the Stadium Jean Bouin at Taverny in France on the 26 of June 2010**

Dear Presidente Maryam Radjavi

Dear colleagues

Dear friends

Today is a day that will forever remain in our memory.

Since the Iranian people started three decades ago the dark era of their history in which they saw frustrated their best hopes, in which they believed they had gained their freedom to realize with sorrow that they had fallen instead in a tyranny even worse than the one they were leaving behind, never since those decisive times had we seen the Iranian exile demonstrate in such a massive, powerful and impressive way as we are witnessing today.

Here, in this stadium at Taverny, your one hundred thousand voices speak in the name of the whole Iranian society, and such is the loudness of your outcry demanding democracy and justice, such is the oppression and inhumanity of the regime against which you are up against, such is the strength of the blood of the many thousands martyrs that have paved your way, such is the heroism in the struggle of the residents of Ashraf, that fight the brutality of batons and machine guns with the only weapon of their ideals and of their faith, that this glorious day marks a before and an after in our peaceful and democratic battle for a free Iran.

And that is why, because all men and women of the world that hope for peace, freedom, prosperity and justice for Iran stand together in this committed undertaking, we have the honour and the satisfaction of handing to President Maryam Radjavi, the explicit support of more than 3500 parliamentarians from thirty-one democratic parliaments from four continents. Let me list them: The House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, the Parliament of the United Kingdom, of Canada, of France, of Finland, Of Norway, of Sweden, of Denmark, of Italy, of the Netherlands (both Parliament and Senate), of Ireland (both Parliament and Senate), of Iceland, of Estonia, of Malta, of Switzerland, of Liechtenstein, of Jordan and of San Marino.

In all of these legislative bodies, the support to the National Resistance Council of Iran and to its President Maryam Radjavi, has reached the absolute majority of their members.

Other countries where a large number of their members have signed are: Germany, Luxembourg, Spain, Austria, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, Egypt and Morocco.

And you will forgive me, but I have reserved a very important announcement for the end and it is that my own Parliament, the European Parliament, has also expressed its support to our common cause by a majority of its members. I have now the honour to hand to President Maryam Radjavi the signatures of my colleagues.

Dear President, the democracies from all parts of the planet enthusiastically support the National Council of Resistance of Iran and yourself because you and your movement embody with admirable dignity and endurance the spirit of millions of your compatriots that are longing for freedom.

Long Live Free Iran!







