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ETA's DECLARATION

With this declaration, Euskadi Ta Askatasuna, the Basque socialist revolutionary organization for national liberation, wishes to give news of its decision:

ETA considers that the International Conference that has recently taken place in the Basque Country is an initiative of enormous significance. The agreed resolution includes all the elements for an integral solution of the conflict, and it has attained the support of a wide spectrum of the Basque society and the international community.

A new political time is emerging in the Basque Country. We have a historical opportunity to find a just and democratic solution for the centuries-old political conflict. Dialogue and agreement should outline the new cycle, over violence and repression. The recognition of the Basque Country and the respect for the will of the people should prevail over imposition.

This has not been an easy journey. The cruelty of the fight has taken away the lives of many comrades. Many others are still suffering in prison and in exile – to them we give our recognition and deepest tribute.

From here onwards, the journey is not going to be easy either. Facing the imposition that still exists, every step, every achievement, will be the result of the effort and fight of Basque citizens. During these years the Basque Country has accumulated the necessary experience and strength to address this path and it also has the determination for doing it. It is time to look at the future with hope. It is also time to act with responsibility and courage.

Therefore, ETA has decided the definitive cease of its armed activity. ETA calls upon the Spanish and French governments to open a process of direct dialogue with the aim of addressing the resolution of the consequences of the conflict and, thus, to overcome the armed confrontation. Through this historical declaration ETA shows its clear, solid and definitive commitment.

Lastly, ETA calls upon the Basque society to commit with this process of solutions until we build a context of freedom and peace.

GORA EUSKAL HERRIA ASKATUTA! GORA EUSKAL HERRIA SOZIALISTA! JO TA KE INDEPENDENTZIA ETA SOZIALISMOA LORTU ARTE!

Basque Country, 20th October 2011

Euskadi Ta Askatasuna
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