

REFUGEES WELCOME

SOLIDARITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRENCH, BRITISH and EUROPEAN CITIZENS TOWARD ALL REFUGEES and DEMANDING the IMPLEMENTATION of a REAL POLITIC of HOSPITALITY

Many refugees are arriving in Europe. The great majority of them have been forced to flee their home country because of war, dictators, political persecution or attacks on minorities.

More than 4.500 of those refugees are living in the Jungle of Calais or in other camps in Northern France, in order to arrive in the country in which they wish to ask for asylum. They are forced to live in inhuman conditions, contrary to the founding values of Europe as well and to international laws.

On August 21, 2015, the French and British governments signed in Calais an agreement regarding the further tightening and increased security of the French-UK border. This is an agreement we profoundly disagree with.

To this declaration, which reflects in great part the positioning of all European governments, European citizens are hereby responding with the following joint declaration:

- 1. We, European citizens, organized in groups or independent, declare our solidarity toward the refugees searching for protection in Europe. We are committed to give them efficient material, psychological and legal aid in order for them to get the protection they are searching for, and to support them in their journey toward more freedom, safety and a decent life. We are committed to coordinate our actions and to manifest our solidarity together so as to spread and amplify it.**
- 2. We also demand that our governments decide now to welcome all refugees with dignity instead of blocking them with more barb wired fences.**
- 3. Last, we also demand that our French, British and European governments put in place and implement a real politic of hospitality toward all refugees arriving in Europe. We particularly ask them:**
 - **To process more quickly , efficiently and humanly all asylum requests;**
 - **To allow refugees to arrive legally in the country in which they wish to ask for protection, without having to resort to smugglers or endangering their lives;**
 - **To dismantle the barb wired fences that disfigure and shame Europe, in Calais and elsewhere.**