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International Peace Delegation bid to visit Mr Abdullah Ocalan

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An International Delegation aims to visit Abdullah Ocalan in Imrali prison. The distinguished delegation consists of 12 members from USA, Canada, Venezuela, Ecuador, South Africa, Belgium, the United Kingdom and Germany. The delegation will be headed by Judge Essa Moosa of the High Court of South Africa. As a young lawyer he acted for Nelson Mandela and his colleagues when they were imprisoned on Robben Island and other prisons in Cape Town.

The Delegation has received declarations of support from influential figures in politics, public life and culture, including Noam Chomsky (Professor Emeritus at Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Mauro Palma (President of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture of the Council of Europe, Italy), Tariq Ali (Writer and Journalist) and Bruce Kent (Vice-President Pax Christi, UK).

Please find the full list of delegates with the list of supporters, below.

AIMS OF THE INITIATIVE

To promote the resumption of the peace process in Turkey; to visit and consult Mr Abdullah Ocalan who is currently detained at Imrali Prison in Turkey and isolated since 9 months from the whole world; to meet and discuss with the Turkish Ministry of Justice; to meet and discuss with political parties, government representatives, civil society, lawyer associations et al).

DELEGATES

Judge Essa Moosa (Head of Delegation), International Peace and Reconciliation Initiative, South Africa; **Dimitri Roussopoulos** Co-founder of the Transnational Institute of Social Ecology, Quebec, Canada; **Janet Biehl** Board of Transnational Institute of Social Ecology, writer, translator, artist, US; **Federico Venturini** School of Geography, University of Leeds; Member of Advisory Board of the Transnational Institute of Social Ecology, UK ; **Dr Thomas Jeffrey Miley** Lecturer of Political

Sociology, Cambridge University, UK; **Andrej Hunko** German MP of the Left Party for Aachen, Germany; **Eirik Eigladd** writer and publisher, New Compass Press, Norway; **Elly Van Reusel**; Medical Doctor, Belgium; **Edgar de Jesús Lucena González** Member of the National Assembly of Venezuela; **Joe Ryan** Chair of the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission, UK; **Andrade Francisco Velasco** former Minister of Culture in Ecuador

THE MISSION IS SUPPORTED BY

Noam Chomsky Professor Emeritus at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author, US; **Mauro Palma** President of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture of the Council of Europe, Italy; **Adolfo Pérez Esquivel** Nobel Peace Prize (1980), Argentina; **Nora Cortinas** President of Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, Argentina; **Tariq Ali** Writer journalist and filmmaker, UK; **Felix Padel** Professor at JNU, Delhi and author, India; **David Graeber** Professor of Anthropology London School of Economics; author and social activist, UK; **Baroness Helena Kennedy QC** House of Lords, UK; **Baroness Jenny Jones** House of Lords, UK; **Mark Thomas** political satirist, author and journalist, UK; **Jeremy Hardy** stand-up comedian, actor, writer and activist, UK; **John Holloway** Professor of Sociology and author, Mexico; **Norman Paech** Professor of international and national constitutional law, Hamburg University, retired and politician, Germany; **Dr Dafydd Iwan** former President of Plaid Cymru Party, Wales; **Bill Bowring** Professor of Law in the School of Law, Birkbeck, University of London and author, UK; **Mike Mansfield QC** President of the Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, UK; **James Kelman** Writer and Booker Prize winner, Scotland; **Bruce Kent** Vice-President Pax Christi, UK; **Dr Derek Wall** Writer and International Coordinator of the Green Party, UK; **Bert Schouwenburg** International Officer, GMB, UK; **Margaret Owen OBE**, human rights lawyer, UK; **Stephen Smellie** Deputy Convenor UNISON, Scotland; **Grahame Smith** General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress, Scotland; **Nick Hildyard** Policy adviser, UK; **Louise Christian** Vice-President of Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, UK; **Tony Simpson** Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, UK; **Ara Sarafian** Director, Gomidas Institute, UK; **Alastair Lyon** lawyer, BirnbergPeirce Solicitors, UK; **Matt Foot** lawyer, BirnbergPeirce Solicitors, UK; **Bronwen Jones** barrister, Goldsmith Chambers, UK; **Johannes de Jong** Manager of Christian Political Foundation for Europe (CPFE), The Netherlands; **Feroze Mithiborwala** well known international activist and the General Secretary of India Palestine Solidarity Forum who recently visited Syria, India; **Atilio Boron**,

sociologist, Argentina; **Erling Folkvord** writer, former MP Red Party, Norway