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„Freedom for Abdullah Öcalan – Peace in Kurdistan“

Call for campaign:

Art for Öcalan!

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Where words come to an end...

The International Initiative has published numerous texts about Abdullah Öcalan's prison situation and the important role he will play in any peace process. But sometimes we feel that words cannot express all aspects of what is really happening.

An extraordinary political prisoner
On an island, surrounded by water,
No one to talk to, only books to read
No handshake, no embrace since 1999
Total ban on his mother language, Kurdish
13 years of isolation, 13 years of white torture
In a military prohibited area, guarded by 1000 soldiers
Writing more than 7000 pages of books without a typewriter

...art has to speak.

Millions of Kurds have rallied again and again for Öcalan's freedom and a political solution. But their voice is often unheard. Art can make a difference.

We are looking for artists who want to support the campaign for Öcalan's freedom through their art. This can be pictures, drawings, sculptures, videos, texts. Creativity knows no boundaries.

We will publish your artwork on the internet, organize exhibitions, print it to posters, postcards, stickers, shirts...

If you are an artist and interested in joining the “Art for Öcalan” campaign, please contact us.

Coordination bureau of the International Initiative

First Signatories

Mairead Corrigan-Maguire (Nobel Peace Prize, Ireland), **Dario Fo** (Nobel Prize for Literature, Italy), **Adolfo Pérez Esquivel** (Nobel Prize for Literature, Argentina), **José Ramos-Horta** (Nobel Peace Prize, East Timor), **José Saramago** (Nobel Prize for Literature, Portugal), **Danielle Mitterrand** (Foundation France Liberté, France), **Ramsey Clark** (form. Attorney General, USA), **Uri Avnery** (Gush Shalom, Israel), **Noam Chomsky** (Linguist, Publicist, MIT, USA), **Alain Lipietz** (MEP, France), **Pedro Marset Campos** (MEP, Spain), **Lord Eric Avebury** (House of Lords, UK), **Harry Cohen** (MP Labour, UK), **Cynog Dafis** (MP Plaid Cymru, Wales, UK), **Lord Raymond Hylton** (House of Lords, UK), **Lord John Nicholas Rea** (House of Lords, UK), **Walid Jumblatt** (Leader of the Progressive Socialist Party, Lebanon), **Rudi Vis** (MP Labour, UK), **Paul Flynn** (MP Labour, UK), **Máiréad Keane** (Sinn Féin, Northern Ireland), **Domenico Gallo** (form. Senator, Italy), **Livio Pepino** (Magistratura Democratica, Italien), **Xabier Arzalluz** (President PNV, Spain), **Tony Benn** (MP Labour, UK), **Alain Calles** (President MRAP, France), **Gianina Nannini** (Singer-songwriter, Italy), **Geraldine Chaplin** (Actress, Spain), **David MacDowall** (Writer, UK), **Dietrich Kittner** (Cabaret artist, Germany), **Alice Walker** (Writer, USA), **Franca Rame** (Writer and actress, Italy), **Chris Kutschera** (Writer, France), **Prof. Dr. Jean Ziegler** (MP and Publicist, Switzerland), **Prof. Dr. Angela Davis** (University of California, Santa Cruz, USA), **Prof. Dr. Norman Paech** (International Law, Germany), **Prof. Dr. Werner Ruf** (International Law, Germany), **Prof. Dr. Gerhard Stuby** (Peace studies, Germany)