

## 17.8.2015. Message to the Amazigh movement

The message of the Amazigh movement, expressed in their World Congress, is a universal message of democracy, calling for respect for the right of self-determination, for the upholding of the Amazigh cultural identity and the political rights of the Imazighen.

This message goes out in North Africa, a region of the world immediately bordering on the the European Union, and where democracy alone can make the political future brighter. The Imazighen have always led the fight for freedom and democracy in this part of the world: against colonialism fifty years ago, and against Islamic extremism today. They fight for the fulfilment of society in all its cultural diversity.

We are in full solidarity with this struggle, because it is our own, the struggle of us the Corsican people, of all those within the French State who belong to the Régions et Peuples Solidaires or who, at the European level, are part of the European Free Alliance. Corsicans, Bretons, Occitans, or Scots, Catalans, Basques, the Flemish, and many others who join us in fighting for a Europe of Peoples against the States, we stand in solidarity with your struggle against those who, at the head of the governments of this region, wish to suppress the Amazigh people and their culture. At one time I was an MEP representing the European Free Alliance. This is no longer the case, but as President of the European Free Alliance I hope to extend the campaign we led together with the Amazigh World Congress, when I was in the European Parliament, on the European stage.

I would first like to express my utter solidarity with those who are today experiencing unspeakable attacks, Mozabites in Gardhaia, Tuaregs in Libya. We denounce the attacks of which they are victims, and the official complicity that accompanies these attacks. The EFA continues to support the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad in northern Mali, the Berber communities in Libya, and all the movements in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Niger that fight for the right of the Imazighen people to a future of freedom. With your consent, the EFA can conclude a European partnership agreement with the Amazigh World Congress through which, with the resources of our party and the support of our European MEPs and all the parties making up the EFA, we could continue to represent the Amazigh claims on the European political stage. The struggle to have these claims heard is a hard one even though it is just. We stand by your side, and you can count on our solidarity.