

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANOI – HASANKEYF DECLARATION

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Hasankeyf is an ancient city located along the Tigris River in south-eastern Turkey. This ancient city has roots going back at least 10,000 years. It is one of the oldest still inhabited towns of mankind. About 300 archaeological sites surrounding Hasankeyf in the Tigris Valley give further evidence of our common human civilisation from prehistoric times onwards. The Tigris River ecosystems are largely intact with many endemic and globally threatened species like the Euphrates Soft-shell Turtle.

However, 400 kilometres of intact riverine habitat along the Tigris River and its tributaries are threatened by the Ilisu Dam Project, which will destroy the globally important natural and cultural heritage embedded in the Tigris Valley.

Allianoi, situated near Izmir in Western Turkey, has been recognised as one of the largest and best-preserved historical healing centres to still have therapeutic thermal waters. Nevertheless, if no urgent action is undertaken this exceptional archaeological site will be submerged under water as soon as the Turkish authorities decide to close the valves of the Yortanlı Irrigation Dam.

- **Considering that the ancient city of Hasankeyf, within the intact landscape of the Tigris Valley, builds a unique unit of worldwide importance triggering 9 out of 10 UNESCO World Heritage Site criteria,**
- **Recalling that the river-ecosystem of Tigris and its tributaries are of international importance for biodiversity,**
- **Considering that Hasankeyf is one of the oldest cities of mankind with tracks of more than 20 different cultures,**
- **Considering that Allianoi is a globally important cultural heritage as being one of the largest and best-preserved historical healing centers**
- **Believing that we have a collective responsibility to protect and preserve our natural and cultural heritage for future generations,**
- **Believing that by Saving Hasankeyf and Allianoi, we can create better and more advanced options for the development of Turkey and the World,**

We, the undersigned, ask the Government of Turkey, lead by the Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, to:

- 1. Stop the Ilisu Dam Project**
- 2. Propose Hasankeyf and the Tigris Valley as a UNESCO Natural and Cultural World Heritage Site.**
- 3. Take the necessary measures to prevent the ultimate destruction of the architectural treasure of Allianoi**

Angie Zelter	Award 2001	United Kingdom
Raul Montenegro	Award 2004	Argentina
Rene Ngongo	Award 2009	Congo
Dr. Hannumappa R Sudarshan	Award 1994	India
Guillaume Harushimana	Award 2002	Burundi
Alin Ware	Award 2009	New Zealand
Ruth Mandrama	Award 2006	India
Mohd Azmi Abdul Hamid	Award 1988	Malaysia
Chico Whitacker	Award 2006	Brazil
Anwar Fazal	Award 1982	Malaysia
Zafrullah Chowdhury	Award 1992	Bangladesh
Mycele Schneider	Award 1997	France
Inge Genefke	Award 1988	Denmark
Dr. Rosalie Bertell	Award 1986	Canada / USA
Prof. Hans Peter Dürr	Award 1987	Germany
Andras Biro	Award 1995	Hungary
Tapio Mattlar	Award 1992	Finland
Christina Hagner	Award 2002	Sweden
Nicanor Perlas	Award 2003	Philippines
Maude Barlow	Award 2005	Canada
Tony Clark	Award 2005	Canada
Swami Agnivesh	Award 2004	India
Suciwati	Award 2000	Indonesia
Martin Almada	Award 2002	Paraguay
Servol	Award 1994	Trinidad
Birsel Lemke	Award 2000	Turkey
John Turner	Award 1988	United Kingdom
Manfred Max-Neef	Award 1983	Chili
Peter Schweitzer	Award 1980	USA
Pida	Award 1982	Sri Lanka
Ida Kuklina	Award 1996	Russian Federation
Pat Mooney	Award 1985	Canada
Marcos Arana	Award 1998	Mexico
Juan Pablo Orrego	Award 1998	Chili
Samuel Epstein	Award 1998	USA
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