



Oath of Fraternity

We, Francesco Marinone Mayor of Gambolò, Aleksandrs Lielmežs Mayor of Malpils, Gabriel Tekteredis Mayor of Kyrros elected democratically by our Citizens,

convinced that we are thus responding to the desires and needs of the citizens which we represent, aware that our European civilization is historically based on local autonomies and communities, whose independence was often obtained and defended by common efforts and sacrifices of its citizens,

aware also that the present European society is furthermore based on a long history of political division, division into separate, sovereign States, often through bloody civil and continental wars where populations have found themselves on opposite sides; a society in which sometimes nationalism but also racism still manifest themselves,

conscious that local autonomy means having a certain freedom from the central power, but at the same time conscious of the fact that it is necessary to also make a contribution beyond the local frontier, such as, on national and European level, to promote further European integration, both on economic and social level,

confirming that the European dimension has become of undeniable importance in our individual and social lives, and that the interests of local communities spread beyond its borders, in search of a renewed solidarity with territorial entities of other Countries.

considering that increasing knowledge and developing human relations between Countries is part of a common effort to strengthen the European Community, with common political institutions which are stable and democratic,

convinced of the need to respect the principle of subsidiarity as well as the growing interdependence of the European countries, and therefore of the need for an international, global, democratic order, which ensures peace and stability:

today officially confirm our commitment

to develop and maintain permanent relations not only between our city administrations, but also, and especially, between our respective populations, with the purpose to increase mutual understanding, establish effective cooperation, install a strong feeling of common European citizenship and common goals and therefore a desire to assist each other in overcoming administrative, economic, social and cultural problems, by encouraging solidarity and participation of our citizens, by joining forces and promoting European integration.

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