

ABERRI EGUNA 2005



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EUSKAL HERRIKO UDAL ETA HAUTETSIEIEN BILTZARRA

EUSKAL LURRALDEAK ELKARTUTA BERE ETORKIZUNAREN JABE

Baztan, Amaiurko monolitoan

Today, we men and women councillors of all the territories of Euskal Herria have come together, here in Amaiur, in homage to the defenders of its castle, the last stronghold of the Kingdom of Navarre, where we are celebrating the Aberri Eguna, symbolizing through our meeting that we Basques from each of the territories are descendents of the same stock, that we share a common identity and that we wish to share the same future - a future in peace, respect and coexistence with other peoples, a future that we ourselves wish and indeed must construct.

On this spot, before this simple yet great monument, we municipally-elected councillors – men and women – who have come together under the name of UDALBILTZA[®], representatives of a nation that is deep-rooted in its seven territories, proclaim:

- ✓ Our manifest will to construct and decide our own future.
- ✓ Our will to work towards strengthening our language, our common identity and our Basque culture.
- ✓ Our will to work towards a future in peace, in freedom and in harmony with all other peoples.

We also wish to outwardly express our commitment to and social contract with Euskal Herria.

We are aware of the historical importance that the times in which we are living are going to entail for the future of our People. We therefore propose and demand a future to be constructed based on two foundations: respect for life and respect for the right to decide on the part of the Basque People.

We demand that the Spanish state open up a process of dialogue and negotiation based on the New Statute Proposal, approved by absolute majority in the Basque Parliament and a fundamental tool for political normalization and a positive response to the desire for peace on the part of the majority of Basque citizens.

We are doing this, confident that we are offering Basque society certain irreproachable ethical and democratic principles, a clear and defined path, a political proposal that remains valid, a firm guarantee to meet our commitments and a future project to continue advancing in the social construction of Euskal Herria. We defend a solid project in favour of coexistence and offer work, encouragement and the will to do so.

We defend a project in peace: we declare our commitment to defending the human rights of all people and, as a consequence, we reiterate our demand to ETA to definitively abandon violence and give society its word.

We declare our commitment to respecting this will, the will of Basque men and women, of all of us who live and work in Euskal Herria, without any type of exclusion. The time has come to decide.

GORA EUSKADI ASKATUTA!

Amaiur, 27th March 2005