

ABERRI EGUNA 2006



CONSTRUCTING THE NATION

The Aberri Eguna coincides with times we are living throughout Euskal Herria that are full of hope. We are facing a scenario, albeit not a definitive one, without armed violence. We are beginning to gear the country's dynamics towards securing peace and create a situation of political normalization in Basque society. Our future and that of generations of Basques will depend to a large extent on whether we are able to proceed along this path.

While we strengthen this new situation and work towards definitively overcoming situations of confrontation, we must always bear in mind that constructing a country, constructing the nation, is a daily task that continues to need a militant commitment - even more so at the present time in view of changes on the international stage and globalization, we must be more aware than ever of the importance of consolidating and reinforcing our cultural reality, our language, our identity. We are a nation that has survived the major events in history. On this 2006 Aberri Eguna - a day for national reaffirmation and a scenario of hope and expectation founded on peace - we wish to reassert ourselves in terms of our commitments:

A commitment to consolidating a peace process based on dialogue, on agreement, on understanding and on the search for definitive consensus regarding the major political problems that Euskal Herria still has to resolve, taking into account that the solid foundations for understanding must involve a lack of imposition, lawfulness in terms of the defence and materialization of all political projects, a capacity on the part of Basques themselves to decide for themselves, and also the adaptation of legal frameworks about which we Basques should decide within a democratic process.

A commitment to intensify our work and advance in promoting our identity, our culture and our language as a reinforcement of our national reality and as a basis for reinforcing bonds of solidarity among individuals and among territories, all based on the construction of a fairer, more caring, more integrated society in harmony with other peoples.

This 2006 Aberri Eguna represents a time of hope and, above all, of commitment and constructive work. We cannot let this opportunity pass us by. We municipally-elected Basque councillors must join forces and our common will in this commitment in favour of the Basque Nation, in favour of peace, of political normalization and that long-awaited reconciliation.

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