

6 MARCH COMMITTEE
for the celebrations of EUROPEAN DAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS

Gariwo, the forest of the Righteous, as represented by the person of its Chairman Gabriele Nissim – jointly to the other founding members Pietro Kuciukian, Ulianova Radice and Anna Maria Samuelli-

sets up

the “6 March Committee” to support the European Day of the Righteous established on 10 May 2012 by the European Parliament as it approved Written Declaration n. 3/2012, thus welcoming Gariwo’s Call signed by numerous European personalities and thousands citizens of different Countries.

The approval of Written Declaration is not in itself a guarantee that the meaning of this Day is accepted and truly affects the way people think and feel, nor that its link to the founding values of European identity appears immediately clear. It is necessary to carry on with the commitment that inspired our Call, to make 6 March a lively occasion of encounter, debate and reflection, and not a sterile ritual of idle commemoration.

To best fulfil this need, Gariwo launches the campaign “6 March for the celebrations of European Day of the Righteous” and demands the support of all those who supported the call, of those who believe active memory is a key factor in educating the younger generations to prevent genocide, in the defence of a future based on civil coexistence.

This is why the Committee’s purposes are the following:

- supporting the celebration of 6 March as European Day of the Righteous all over the world to be held on 6 March or on close dates, so that the link of the ceremony with the content of Written Declaration is made clear. This in particular concerns:
 - the memory of genocide cases,
 - the memory of totalitarianism,
 - the memory of the “Righteous among the nations”, who opposed the Holocaust
 - the memory of the exemplary figures of moral resistance against the Nazi-fascist and communist regimes,
 - the memory of the exemplary figures who performed deeds of civil courage under persecutions and circumstances in which crimes against humanity were perpetrated;
- spreading the celebrations in all European Union member States, also through ties with associations and institution of every country;
- prompting the legislative and executive organs of every country to take up a binding responsibility concerning the national commemoration of this Day

By adhering to “6 March Committee” (Comitato 6 marzo) the undersigned commits to support Gariwo’s efforts to achieve the afore mentioned goals and to participate to the Committee, in ways that are up to the signatory’s free choice, without any other legal bindings outside the adhesion.