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# Open Letter to the Assyrian Confederation of Europe (ACE)

The committee of the Assyrian associations and federations in Europe has, since its designation by the "Assyrian-European Forum 2019", been tasked with seeking dialogue with the Assyrian Confederation of Europe (ACE). Therefore, by the end of June the committee has sent ACE a letter with issues, that should have been discussed.

The letter included, among other things, a request for an appointment with ACE's board. After many requests in autumn, Ms. Attiya Gamri, the former ACE president showed her willingness to engage in a dialogue by offering an appointment. In the process of finding a date for the meeting, Ms. Gamri's and ACE's responses to our e-mails were very slow. In her last e-mail, Ms. Gamri surprisingly informed us indirectly, that she is no longer the president of ACE and a new board has been elected. Ms. Gamri didn't even forward the information to the new board. Instead, she asked us to contact the new board.

Despite all the conducted interviews on Assyria TV with different concerned individuals, among others with ACE's board members and Ms. Gamri herself and the spreading of falsehoods and defamation of critics, the committee contacted the new board on the 23th of October. Unfortunately, we didn't receive any response.

A convocation of a general assembly to "elect" the new board cannot be confirmed by the Assyrian Federation of Germany and Central Europe (ZAVD). Despite being a member of the Confederation the federation was in no way informed. Indeed, ZAVD suspended its "active" membership of ACE since the beginning of 2019 in protest against ACE's actions and way of conduct. At the same time, ACE's officials mentioned ZAVD's membership in the confederation in recent interviews on Assyria TV several times. Furthermore, we cannot explain the last changes among ACE's board members with the end of the three years term of the board members, since ZAVD was informed in early 2019, that the official term started with ACE's registration in the register court and not with the founding of ACE and therefore the term lasts until 2021.

Unfortunately, we cannot understand or support ACE's attitude, way of conduct and the aforementioned actions. Due to the absence of any kind of response by ACE, we cannot rely on ACE's willingness to have an honest dialogue, in order to discuss and develop the perspectives of cooperation between the different Assyrian organizations on European level.

Therefore, we would like to inform all the participants of the "Assyrian-European Forum 2019" which took place in Paderborn, that the preparations for the second Forum have already started and further information will follow in the first quarter of 2020 in this regard.

Furthermore, we affirm, that the committee is still committed to having an honest dialogue with ACE, in order to reach the desired democratic reforms in our collective efforts in Europe.

Sincerely,

**Committee of Assyrian and Assyro-Chaldean associations and federations of Europe**