

## Venice 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

To Adolfo Pérez Esquivel!

On 13 October 1980 Adolfo Pérez Esquivel received the news of his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize by the Norwegian embassy in Buenos Aires: 40 years have passed since then, almost half a century!

That news was a severe blow to the dictatorship and a wind of FREEDOM AND HOPE for organizations seeking channels to spread the human rights violations that were multiplying in the country.

It is important to remember that date and that dramatic period.

I then address this message directly to Adolfo, who has always reminded us of the importance of "historical memory".

To whom, in the name of that memory, reminds us of other greats of the past, people whose thoughts are extremely topical!

To whom - like Adolfo - takes us back to the 1930s, when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in addressing the American people - afflicted by a dramatic social, economic and political situation with strong analogies with the current one - in promoting the New Deal accused the neoliberals supported by corrupt bankers and stressed the importance of four freedoms "to speak, to profess one's religion, freedom from fear and the freedom to feel safe in one's own country"!

To whom - like Adolfo - who reminded us that to feel safe in your own country you have to feel free, liberated from all fear, both existential and behavioral!

To whom - like Adolfo - that fear set aside against the military regimes, which he personally experienced in Argentina!

To whom - like Adolfo - showed us how solidarity and the union of forces, fighting for those freedoms, are also the tool to WIN both against attacks on democracy, natural biodiversity and the balance of Planet Earth!

To whom - like Adolfo - is always there when you need his advice, his suggestion!

To whom - like Adolfo - honors me with his sincere friendship, a friendship that is now almost twenty years old and his closeness in the important initiatives promoted by the International Academy of Environmental Sciences of Venice, which we founded together, and today also for his support towards by ICCSOPLANET!

Thank you, Adolfo!

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