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“THE RIGHTEOUS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA”

FOR THE HUMANITARIAN MARINE RESCUE OF MIGRANTS

Having regard to the recognized right deriving from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Conventions in order to protect the safety of navigation, in particular the safeguarding of human life at sea without distinction depending on nationality or legal status:

- *Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), London, 1974*
- *Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR), Hamburg, 1979*
- *Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL), London, 1967*
- *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Montego Bay, 1982*

Given that the “Protocol on the smuggling of migrants by land, sea and air” (Palermo, 2000), supplementary to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, which protects the rights of migrants and aims at combatting the smuggling of persons;

Given that:

- the “*Guidelines on the treatment of persons rescued at sea*” of the Maritime Safety Committee (Reg. MSC.167-78 / 2004) specifying that the guarantor Government for the region SAR where survivors have been recovered is responsible for ensuring that a “*safe place*”, that is, a place where survival security is no longer threatened and primary human needs can be met. It also emphasizes in particular how the disembarkation of asylum seekers and refugees, retired at sea, in areas where their lives and their freedom would be threatened should be avoided;
- Article. 33 of the Geneva Convention establishing the “*non-refoulement principle*” prohibiting any form of forced removal to an unsafe country where life or liberty may be threatened, regardless of whether the person is formally recognized as a refugee or the formal refugee request is recorded;
- EU Regulation n.656 / 2014 expressly providing for search and rescue obligations and EU Regulation No 1624/2016 on monitoring and surveillance at the external borders and in the Mediterranean Sea;

Given that:

- since the beginning of the 2000s, in the Central Mediterranean Sea, the main migratory routes from the Libyan coasts and from Egypt to Lampedusa, Pantelleria, Sicily and Malta, while the greek islands of the Aegean Sea have become the destination of the migratory flows from Turkey, in particular in Lesbos, Chíos, Samos, Kos, Rhodes and Leros;
- there is no effective response to the dismantling of the criminal and institutional network that operates illegal immigration in countries that do not guarantee the fundamental rights of the human person from the right of asylum;
- the only sea victims of illegal migration are migrants fleeing the horrors of war, the stumbling blocks of endless travel, economic and sexual exploitation, increasingly with makeshift, old fishing or precarious boats;
- there are not enough maritime resources in the field of Maritime Search and Rescue Services (SAR) along the main migratory routes and there is the lack of an international humanitarian policy that establishes humanitarian channels and legal and protected access routes for major migratory maritime routes;
- the dramatic balance of deaths or official dispersions in the Mediterranean Sea from 2011 to 2017 is a total of more than 15.000 refugees (sources: Open Migration, OIM);

- all victims of illegal immigration are entitled to professional SAR assistance, provided with the greatest speed and efficiency possible;

Given that:

- for several years, a number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have been present along the Mediterranean migratory routes to provide a humanitarian response to the safeguarding of life at sea by naval means and voluntary personnel:
 - MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF) - (Switzerland)
 - n. 3 ships: “Bourbon Argos” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 “Vos Prudence” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 “Dignity I” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs (managed later by SEA-WATCH E.V.)
 - n.2 rescue lifeboat rhibs
 - SEA-WATCH E.V. - (Germany)
 - n.3 ships: “Sea Watch”
 “Sea Watch 2” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs (managed later by MISSION LIFELINE E.V.)
 “Sea Watch 3” (ex “Dignity I”) equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 - n.2 rescue lifeboats rhibs
 - n.3 maritime reconnaissance light aircrafts
 in collaboration with:
 CADUS REDEFINE GLOBAL SOLIDARITY E.V. - (Germany)
 HUMANITARIAN PILOTS INITIATIVE (HPI) - (Switzerland)
 - MIGRANT OFFSHORE AID STATION (MOAS) - (Malta)
 - n.2 ships: “Phoenix” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs and n.2 camcopter uav
 “Topaz Responder” equipped with n.2 rescue boats
 - in collaboration with:
 MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF) - (Switzerland)
 CORPO ITALIANO DI SOCCORSO DELL'ORDINE DI MALTA (CISOM) - (Italy)
 EMERGENCY ONG ONLUS - (Italy)
 CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA (CRI) - (Italy)
 - PROACTIVA OPEN ARMS (POA) - (Spain)
 - n.2 ships: “Open Arms” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 “Golfo Azzurro” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 - n.1 sailing boat: “Astral” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 - n.3 rescue lifeboats rhibs
 - n.2 water scooters pwcs
 in collaboration with: HUMANITY CREW (HC) - (Israel)
 - SEA-EYE E.V. - (Germany)
 - n.2 ships: “Sea-Eye” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 “Seefuchs” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 - DUTCH BOAT REFUGEE FOUNDATION - (Holland)
 - n.1 ship: “Golfo Azzurro” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 (managed later by PROACTIVA OPEN ARMS)
 - n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 - SAVE THE CHILDREN - (United Kingdom)
 - n. 1 ship: “Vos Hestia” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 - SOS MÉDITERRANÉE - (Germany, France, Italy)
 - n.1 ship: “Aquarius” equipped with n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 in collaboration with:
 MÉDECINS DU MONDE (MdM) - (France)
 MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF) - (Switzerland)

- JUGEND RETTET E.V. - (Germany)
 - n.1 ship: “Juventa” equipped with n.2 lifeboats irb
 - in collaboration with:
 - RAINBOW FOR AFRICA ONLUS (R4A) - (Italy)
 - MISSIONLAND ONLUS - (Italy)
- MISSION LIFELINE E.V. - (Germany)
 - n.1 ship: “Lifeline” (ex “Sea Watch 2”) equipped with n.2 lifeboats irb
 - in collaboration with:
 - SALVAMENTO MARÍTIMO HUMANITARIO (SMH) - (Spain)
 - PROEM-AID OCEAN RESCUE TEAM - (Spain)
- GERMAN MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION (DGZRS) - (Germany)
 - n.1 ship: “Minden” equipped with n.1 rescue boat (managed later by LIFEBOAT GGMBH I.G.)
 - in collaboration with:
 - HELLENIC RESCUE TEAM - (Greece)
 - GERMAN LIFE-SAVING SERVICE (DLRG) - (Germany)
- LIFEBOAT GGMBH I.G. - (Germany)
 - n.1 ship: “Minden” equipped with n.1 lifeboat rhib
 - in collaboration with:
 - CADUS REDEFINE GLOBAL SOLIDARITY E.V. - (Germany)
 - ATLANTIC PACIFIC INT. RESCUE BOAT PROJECT - (United Kingdom)
 - PROEM-AID OCEAN RESCUE TEAM - (Spain)
- ELPIS NAVE OSPEDALE ONLUS
 - n.1 hospital ship: “Elpis”
 - in collaboration with:
 - WOMEN AND HEALTH ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL (WAHA) - (France)
 - RAINBOW FOR AFRICA ONLUS - (Italy)
 - MISSIONLAND ONLUS - (Italy)
 - ENGIM INTERNAZIONALE - (Italy)
- WOMEN AND HEALTH ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL (WAHA) - (France)
 - n.2 rescue boats
 - in collaboration with: SALVAMENTO MARÍTIMO HUMANITARIO (SMH) - (Spain)
- VOLUNTEER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM - (Greece)
 - n.1 sailing boat: “Oceanos” equipped with n.1 lifeboat irb
- SAILORS WITHOUT BORDERS - (Poland)
 - n.1 sailing boat: “Selini” equipped with n.1 lifeboat irb
 - in collaboration with: F.E.O.X. RESCUE TEAM - (Greece)
- SWEDISH SEA RESCUE SOCIETY (SSRS) - (Sweden)
 - n.2 rescue boats
 - in collaboration with: HELLENIC RESCUE TEAM - (Greece)
- HELLENIC RESCUE TEAM (HRT) - (Greece)
 - n.18 lifeboats rhibs
 - n.3 water scooters pwcs
 - n.1 onyxstar uav
 - in collaboration with:
 - ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION (RNLI) - (United Kingdom)
 - NORWEGIAN SOCIETY FOR SEA RESCUE (RS) - (Norway)
 - ROYAL NETHERLANDS SEA RESCUE INSTITUTION (KNRM) - (Holland)
 - SWEDISH SEA RESCUE SOCIETY (SSRS) - (Sweden)
- BODRUM SEA RESCUE ASSOCIATION - (Turkey)
 - n.2 ambulance boats
 - n.2 lifeboats rhib

- LIFEGUARD HELLAS SAVE & RESCUE VOLUNTEER TEAM - (Greece)
 - n.2 lifeboats rhib
 - n.2 lifeboats irb
 - n.2 water scooters pwcs
 - in collaboration with:
 - INTERNATIONAL SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION (ISLA) - (Usa)
 - BETHELLE BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING PATROL - (New Zealand)
 - LIFEGUARDS WITHOUT BORDERS (LWB) - (Usa)
 - GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL - (Holland)
 - n.3 lifeboats rhibs
 - in collaboration with: MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF) - (Switzerland)
 - EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL (ERCI) - (Greece)
 - n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 - in collaboration with: VANCOUVER SEARCH AND RESCUE (VSAR) - (Canada)
 - PROEM-AID OCEAN RESCUE TEAM - (Spain)
 - n.2 lifeboats rhibs
 - CADUS REDEFINE GLOBAL SOLIDARITY E.V. - (Germany)
 - n.1 lifeboat rhib and n.1 lifeboat irb
 - SALVAMENTO MARÍTIMO HUMANITARIO (SMH) - (Spain)
 - n.2 lifeboat rhib
 - in collaboration with: F.E.O.X. RESCUE TEAM - (Greece)
 - PLATANOS RESCUE TEAM - (Greece)
 - n.1 lifeboat rhib
 - REFUGEE RESCUE - (United Kingdom)
 - n.1 lifeboat rhib
 - in collaboration with: CANADIAN MARINE RESCUE ASSISTANCE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY - (Canada)
 - TEAM HUMANITY - (Denmark)
 - n.1 lifeboat rhib
 - SAMOS DIVERS ASSOCIATION (SDA) - (Greece)
 - n.1 lifeboat rhib
 - ELITE TEAM SPECIAL MISSIONS GREECE (EP.OM.E.A.) - (Greece)
 - n.1 lifeboat rhib
 - in collaboration with: WOMEN AND HEALTH ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL (WAHA) - (France)
 - BOMBEROS EN ACCIÓN ONGD - (Spain)
 - n.1 lifeboat rhib
 - GERMAN LIFE-SAVING SERVICE (DLRG) - (Germany)
 - n.1 lifeboat irb
 - ATLANTIC PACIFIC INT. RESCUE BOAT PROJECT - (United Kingdom)
 - n.1 lifeboat irb
 - in collaboration with: THE WORLDWIDE TRIBE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM - (United Kingdom)
 - ZENTRUM FÜR POLITISCHE SCHÖNHEIT (ZPS) - (Germany)
 - n.1 floating rescue platform "Aylan 1"
- The International Maritime Rescue Federation (IMRF), an international maritime organization that joins 125 members, has actively coordinated its European members for the promotion of the "*Aegean Project*" at the request of the Greek Coast Guard and the "*Mixed Migrant Safety Central Mediterranean Project*" to support NGOs through volunteer training, provision of numerous rescue boats, emergency equipment, human resources and fundraising;
 - all operational naval vessels of the NGOs are managed by the Maritime Rescue Coordination Center, in coordination with the international operations of the European Agency Frontex, receiving precise indications on the port of landing directly from the ministerial bodies of the States concerned;

- NGOs finance naval vehicles and crews with resources from private or institutional donors and employ humanitarian personnel offering their professionalism voluntarily;
- in February 2017, the Human Rights at Sea organization has drawn up the “*Common Voluntary Code of Conduct for Search and Rescue Operations NGOs in the Mediterranean Sea*”, which defines a minimum standard to be applied by all NGOs on principles, effectiveness and coordination of maritime rescue, signed by International Maritime Rescue Federation, Cadus Redefine Global Solidarity EV, ProActiva Open Arms, Sea Watch EV and SOS Méditerranée, after the Solimed Conference in Valencia (2016);

Given that the so-called Libyan Coast Guard has repeatedly endangered the rescue missions of some NGOs in the Central Mediterranean Sea, in some cases endangering the safety of humanitarian personnel by firing firearms (ships: Bourbon Argos, Sea-Eye, Sea Watch 2, Iuventa, Golfo Azzurro) and in one case seizing a lifeboat (Sea Watch);

Given that during the refugee crisis, a number of private individuals, co-ordinated by the competent authorities, have been engaged in disinterested and repeatedly migratory maritime routes to provide a humanitarian response to the protection of life at sea by means of naval and maritime personnel:

- Mr. IOANNIS POLYCHRONOPOULOS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ENGINEERING S.A. - (Greece)
n.1 ship: “Aegis I” equipped with n.1 lifeboat rhibs
- FISHING FLEET OF MAZARA DEL VALLO - (Italy)
DISTRETTO DELLA PESCA E CRESCITA BLU MAZARA
Fleet of deep-sea fishing boats
- FISHING FLEET OF LAMPEDUSA AND LINOSA - (Italy)
CONSORZIO PESCATORI LAMPEDUSA E LINOSA
Fleet of fishing boats
- FISHING FLEET OF ZARZIS - (Tunisia)
ASSOCIATION “LE PECHEUR” POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT ET L’ENVIRONNEMENT (APDE)
Fleet of deep-sea fishing boats
in collaboration with: MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF) - (Switzerland)
- Mr. RECEP EVRAN - (Turkey)
n.1 fishing boat
- Mr. PANAGIOTIS KAPABETIS - (Greece)
n.1 fishing boat
- Mr. STRATIS KASSOS - (Greece)
n.1 deep-sea fishing boat
- Mr. NIKOS KATAKOUZINOS - (Greece)
n.1 fishing boat
- Mr. BABIS MANIAS - (Greece)
n.1 fishing boat
- Mr. THANASIS MARMARINOS - (Greece)
n.1 fishing boat
- Mr. GIORGOS MAVRIPIDIS - (Greece)
n.1 fishing boat
- Mr. KOSTAS PINTERIS - (Greece)
n.1 fishing boat
- Mr. STRATIS VALIAMOS - (Greece)
n.1 fishing boat
- Mr. STEFANOS ZANNIKOS - (Greece)
n.1 deep-sea fishing boat

Whereas the so-called Libyan Coast Guard has repeatedly endangered rescue missions of some fishing boats in the Central Mediterranean, in some cases endangering the safety of seafarers by firing firearms (M/P Airone - Mazara del Vallo);

Given that the humanitarian response has produced the following overall results: in the Central Mediterranean Sea, according to official data from the Italian Coast Guard, the NGOs saved from August 2014 to April 2017 in total 80.655 refugees (12.346 in 2017, 46.796 in 2016, 20.063 in 2015, 1.450 in 2014);

Given the international honouring already recognized by some NGOs:

- the Ong Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS) received several awards for its humanitarian relief work, including: Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana, Medal for Service to the Republic of Malta, Geuzen Medal;
- the Ong Proactiva Open Arms (POA) received several awards for its humanitarian relief work, including: European Citizen's Prize, Alba/Puffin Award, Olof Palme Medal, Hero Awards International, Canary Gold Medal, Plácido Fernández Viagas Prize, UNICEF Spanish Committee Transforma Award;
- the Ong Hellenic Rescue Team (HRT) has received several awards for its humanitarian relief work, including: Unhcr Nansen Refugee Award;
- the Ong SOS Méditerranée has received numerous awards for its humanitarian relief work, including: Schwarzkopf Europe Award, Unesco Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize, EESC Civil Society Prize, Social Human Rights Prize;
- the Ong Proem-Aid Ocean Rescue Team has received several awards for its humanitarian relief work, including: Premio Corazón de Olavidia, Premio Clavel de la Prensa;
- the Ong Humanity Crew (HC) has received several awards for its humanitarian relief work, including: Refugees Rights Defenders;
- the Ong Emergency Response Centre International (ERCI) has received several awards for its humanitarian relief work, including: Special Contribution AMVER Awards;

Given the international honouring already recognized by some private individuals:

- the Environmental Protection Engineering S.A. has received several awards for his humanitarian relief work, including: Bravo Sustainability Awards;
- the Fishing Fleet of Mazara del Vallo (Italy) has received several awards for his humanitarian relief work, including: Medaglia di bronzo al merito di Marina della Repubblica Italiana, Premio Unhcr "Per Mare", Premio Testimone di Pace, European Citizen's Prize;
- the Fishing Fleet of Lampedusa and Linosa (Italy) received several awards for his humanitarian relief work, including: Premio Pavese Azzurro, Premio Internazionale per la Pace Colombe d'Oro;

by this letter, the undersigned

as

qualified as a person belonging to a category eligible for appointment in accordance with the Statutes of the Nobel Foundation¹,

PROVIDES TO APPLY THE JOINT CANDIDATION FOR THE "NOBEL PRIZE FOR PEACE" 2018

of the following HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS:

1. MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES - Switzerland (www.msf.org)
2. MIGRANT OFFSHORE AID STATION - Malta (www.moas.eu)
3. CORPO ITALIANO DI SOCCORSO DELL'ORDINE DI MALTA - Italy (www.cisom.org)
4. EMERGENCY ONG ONLUS - Italy(www.emergency.it)
5. CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA - Italy (www.cri.it)
6. SEA-WATCH E.V. - Germany (www.sea-watch.org)
7. HUMANITARIAN PILOTS INITIATIVE - Switzerland (www.piloteninitiative.ch)
8. SEA-EYE E.V. - Germany (www.sea-eye.org)

¹ Members of national assemblies and national governments (cabinet members/ministers) of sovereign states as well as current heads of states; Members of The International Court of Justice in The Hague and The Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague; Members of Institut de Droit International; University professors, professors emeriti and associate professors of history, social sciences, law, philosophy, theology, and religion; university rectors and university directors (or their equivalents); directors of peace research institutes and foreign policy institutes; Persons who have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; Members of the main board of directors or its equivalent of organizations that have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; Current and former members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee; Former advisers to the Norwegian Nobel Committee.

9. PROACTIVA OPEN ARMS - Spain (www.proactivaopenarms.org)
10. HUMANITY CREW - Israel (www.humanitycrew.org)
11. DUTCH BOAT REFUGEE FOUNDATION - Holland (www.bootvluchteling.nl)
12. SAVE THE CHILDREN - United Kingdom (www.savethechildren.net)
13. SOS MÉDITERRANÉE - Germany, France, Italy (www.sosmediterranee.org)
14. MÉDECINS DU MONDE - France (www.medecinsdumonde.org)
15. JUGEND RETTET E.V. - Germany (www.jugendrettet.org)
16. MISSION LIFELINE E.V. - Germany (www.mission-lifeline.de)
17. GERMAN MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION - Germany (www.seenotretter.de)
18. GERMAN LIFE-SAVING SERVICE - Germany (www.dlrg.de)
19. HELLENIC RESCUE TEAM - Greece (www.hrt.org.gr)
20. LIFEBOAT GGMBH I.G. - Germany (www.lifeboatproject.eu)
21. CADUS REDEFINE GLOBAL SOLIDARITY E.V. - Germany (www.cadus.org)
22. ELPIS NAVE OSPEDALE ONLUS - Italy (www.naveospedale.it)
23. WOMEN AND HEALTH ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL - France (www.waha-international.org)
24. RAINBOW FOR AFRICA ONLUS - Italy (www.rainbow4africa.org)
25. MISSIONLAND ONLUS - Italy (www.missionland.it)
26. ENGIM INTERNAZIONALE - Italy (www.engim.it)
27. VOLUNTEER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM - Greece
28. SAILORS WITHOUT BORDERS - Poland (www.sailorswithoutborders.eu)
29. SWEDISH SEA RESCUE SOCIETY - Sweden (www.ssrs.se)
30. ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION - United Kingdom (www.rnli.org)
31. NORWEGIAN SOCIETY FOR SEA RESCUE - Norway (www.redningsselskapet.no)
32. ROYAL NETHERLANDS SEA RESCUE INSTITUTION - Holland (www.knrm.nl)
33. BODRUM SEA RESCUE ASSOCIATION - Turkey (www.bodrumdenizkurtarma.com)
34. LIFEGUARD HELLAS SAVE & RESCUE VOLUNTEER TEAM - Greece (www.savelife.gr)
35. INTERNATIONAL SURF LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION - Usa (www.islasurf.org)
36. BETHHELLS BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING PATROL - New Zealand (www.bethellsbeach.org.nz)
37. LIFEGUARDS WITHOUT BORDERS - Usa (lifeguardswithoutborders.org)
38. GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL - Holland (www.greenpeace.org)
39. EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL - Greece (www.ercintl.org)
40. VANCOUVER SEARCH AND RESCUE - Canada (www.vancouversearchandrescue.com)
41. PROEM-AID OCEAN RESCUE TEAM - Spain (www.proemaid.es)
42. PLATANOS RESCUE TEAM - Greece (www.solidarityteamplatanosblog.wordpress.com)
43. SALVAMENTO MARÍTIMO HUMANITARIO - Spain (www.smh.eus)
44. F.E.O.X. RESCUE TEAM - Greece
45. REFUGEE RESCUE - United Kingdom (www.refugeerescue.co.uk)
46. CANADIAN MARINE RESCUE ASSISTANCE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY - Canada
47. TEAM HUMANITY - Denmark (www.teamhumanity.eu)
48. SAMOS DIVERS ASSOCIATION - Greece (www.samosdivers.gr)
49. ELITE TEAM SPECIAL MISSIONS GREECE (EP.OM.E.A.) - Greece (www.estfgr.com)
50. BOMBEROS EN ACCIÓN ONGD - Spain (www.bomberosenaccion.org)
51. ATLANTIC PACIFIC INT. RESCUE BOAT PROJECT - United Kingdom (www.atlanticpacific.org.uk)
52. THE WORLDWIDE TRIBE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM - United Kingdom (www.theworldwidetribes.com)
53. ZENTRUM FÜR POLITISCHE SCHÖNHEIT - Germany (www.politicalbeauty.de)

and the following meritorious subjects:

54. Mr. IOANNIS POLYCHRONOPOULOS - Piraeus, Greece (www.epe.gr)
55. DISTRETTO DELLA PESCA E CRESCITA BLU - Mazara del Vallo, Italy (www.distrettopescaecrescitablui.it)
56. CONSORZIO PESCATORI LAMPEDUSA E LINOSA - Lampedusa, Italy (www.consorziopescaetorilampedusa.it)
57. ASSOCIATION "LE PECHEUR" POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT ET L'ENVIRONNEMENT - Zarzis, Tunisia

58. Mr. RECEP EVRAN - Kusadasi, Turkey
59. Mr. PANAGIOTIS KAPABETIS - Alexandroupolis, Greece
60. Mr. STRATIS KASSOS - Lesvos, Greece
61. Mr. NIKOS KATAKOUZINOS - Lesvos, Greece
62. Mr. BABIS MANIAS - Rodos, Greece
63. Mr. THANASIS MARMARINOS - Lesvos, Greece
64. Mr. GIORGOS MAVRIPIDIS - Lesvos, Greece
65. Mr. KOSTAS PINTERIS - Lesvos, Greece
66. Mr. STRATIS VALIAMOS - Lesvos, Greece
67. Mr. STEFANOS ZANNIKOS - Chios, Greece

as a recognition for the work that has been actively carried out in maritime research, rescue and assistance operations in the Central Mediterranean Sea and the Aegean Sea, with which refugees have long been able to find effective rescue facilities with international crews, rescuers, doctors and volunteers who have welcomed them in the name of peace and conducted in a safe harbor, under the coordination of the competent authorities.

Humanitarian organizations from many different countries and ordinary citizens have shown their warmth and courage, risking their own safety, saving men, women and children who are drowning, becoming witnesses of a model of solidarity is possible and possible.

A network of solidarity made up of people who have not hesitated to help and save thousands of refugees and who have been in the last few years providing relief and first reception in often prohibitive sea conditions: courageous souls who do all this just because *"it's the right thing to do"*, with extraordinary inner strength and resilience.

The Nobel Peace Prize would be an important acknowledgment for an international community made up of humanitarian organizations and common people solely by attempting to actively testify of respect for human dignity and peace, since every brave and helpful contribution to the sacrifice shows the victims a human face and a source of hope for reconciliation and peaceful coexistence.

For too long we have witnessed one of the greatest humanitarian catastrophes and one of the major political and ethical challenges of our times: the daily death of refugees in the seas of European frontiers.

The Nobel Peace Prize in this case would be a powerful message beyond all boundaries, compassion and courage, empathy and sacrifice, but above all humanity.

Peace cannot be defined solely by the absence of war or conflict, but also by protecting and promoting the dignity and respect of all people. Faced with the greatest refugee crisis in Europe after the Second World War, nobody deserves to drown at sea.

Detailed information on individual candidates can be found online at the following website:
www.nobel-righteous-mediterraneansea.info

Place and date _____

*Name, title
and academic or professional affiliation
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