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ASSOCIAZIONE DI CULTURA, SPORT E RICREAZIONE

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Dear Tzaly,

here I am to stand in contact with you on the Nonviolent march in Israel and in Palestine. At the END Convention in Vitoria (Spain), it was launched officially by Arci, Acli (Christian Workers Association), Peace Association (Italy); the Coordination of NGOs on the Question of Palestine (related with the United Nations), and several peace movements.

You can find the "press release" annexed, with the basical political elements.

I hope that the results could be considered as positive from your side, as correspondent to the spirit of our informal meeting in Rome.

The practical terms we have in mind are to have the March, with the title Nonviolent March for Peace in the Middle East, in December 29-30-31, the first day having a meeting in Israel (Tel Aviv is considered as proposal); the second one in Haibus (also as proposal); the third in Jerusalem (the idea is to have here a "vigil for peace"). During the 3 days, it could be done a crossing of the "green line" by the participants.

I hope to receive soon some comments and remarks on this proposal, to which there was a big support from the most serious peace movements in Vitoria. We foresee to have a visit to the interested people and organizations in Israel and Palestine next September, around 12-19.



We are also working in finding support from intellectuals and prominent people all over Europe and outside.

I hope you understand our work as a modest contribution to peace, with the simple, genuine aim to give an hand to those who are working for peace in your country and in Palestine. We'll do all our efforts to convince each one, and also the Israelis authorities, that nothing will be done outside the spirit of peace and friendship. We are ready (and I tell it officially, on behalf of the preparatory committee), to provide everything useful in this direction.

Thank you for your kind attention,

sincerely yours, and in peace

Tom Benetolo  
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