

**THE DECLARATION ADOPTED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF BULGARIA CONCERNING THE FORCED ASSIMILATION
PROCESS IMPLEMENTED TO THE MUSLIM BULGARIANS**

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- By addressing to the European and global norms and to the highest acquisitions of international law in the field of human rights and minority rights,
- By addressing to the European Convention of Human Rights and the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms,
- By expressing the distress caused by the Bulgarian judicial system's disability to punish the responsible parties for the attempt of the forced assimilation process implemented to the Bulgarian Muslims during the 20 years' time from the beginning of the democratic reform process, including the so called "The Process of Rebirth",
- By stating our absolute belief regarding these kind of crimes are not due to limitation of acuses.

We, the Members of Parliament of the 41st National Assembly declare;

1. We condemn the assimilation process implemented to the Muslim minority living in the Republic of Bulgaria, including the so called "The Process of Rebirth", by the totalitarian communist regime.
2. We declare the expulsion of more than 360.000 Turkish descendant Bulgarian citizens from the country in 1989 as an act of ethnic cleansing committed by the totalitarian regime.
3. We invite the Bulgarian justice and the Attorney General of Republic of Bulgaria to make every effort necessary to finalize the case started against the offenders of the so called "The Process of Rebirth". Efforts to cover this up by statutory prescription are shifting the blame on the Bulgarian people from the real perpetrator.