

EUROPEAN CHARTER

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OF

HUMANITARIAN AID

Considering that humanitarian aid has come to be an integral part of any democracy's political structure,

Considering that humanitarian aid must be given to those who are close to us or far away, at home or abroad,

- **I reject** all forms of discrimination against individuals, or against ethnic or religious groups,
- **I refuse** to allow the rise of intolerance, racism, and anti-semitism, I pledge to denounce them and stand in their way,
- **I reject** exclusion born of poverty, precariousness, and ill health,
- **I reject** the use of science to condone oppression, physical or mental torture, or to violate human dignity,
- **I reject** any form of genetic engineering that harms the dignity of human beings,

- **I pledge** to do all in my power to protect ecological balance,
- **I pledge** to give assistance to all victims of natural, ecological, or political disasters, in my own country or abroad,
- **I pledge** to do all in my power to protect the right of impartial non governmental relief organisations to give humanitarian aid to victims without discrimination, and whatever the circumstances,
- **I pledge** to act so that the International Convention on the Rights of the Child is respected and applied in every country of the world,

- **I affirm** that the principle of non-interference ceases to apply when there is a risk of failure to provide assistance,

Should atrocities be concealed, I pledge to bear witness.

Should barbarity rise again, I pledge to fight it.