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The statement of Fraternite Notre Dame pertains to the main issue of the 15th Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration: Transforming public institutions to facilitate inclusive policy formulation and integration in the implementation and monitoring of the sustainable development goals (Item 3).

Fraternite Notre Dame, founded by His Excellency Bishop Jean Marie Roger Kozik, as a Catholic, humanitarian organization at the service of the less fortunate in our world, thanks you to give it here an opportunity to communicate some thoughts on the proper governance of countries.

A study conducted by Opinion Way reveals that 9 persons out of 10 consider that political men and women are not concerned about them nor their country. This rejection is amplified by their powerlessness towards great economic issues such as fighting unemployment or minorities and ethnic communities within society. The citizens no longer trust their governing officials.

In the old days, man had no doubts on the king appointed by God, nor on the established entities. Then the philosophers came and from doubt and reason, reasonable democracy was born. In many European countries, the state is overwhelmed, authority is no longer in charge, and corruption prevails. Because the leaders have cleared the way to impose their own conception of an equitable world: a world where the past and memory have been erased.

For them, the prerequisite step was to undermine the family structure of society, and to destroy any national sentiment. This is a vacuum policy, when the citizens are enslaved, public freedoms are drastically decimated and an increasing risk of revolt is underlying.

Why do they always destroy what works, to consolidate what does not work? Some political elites are sowing the seeds of resentment and hatred; for instance, they kept telling the children of immigrants that they were discriminated against by westerners. Why denying our founding values? Because these founding values that we were taught in school give our lives a vertical meaning.

In the field of school curriculum in France, for instance, school books are reduced to drawings, videos, slogans, press articles, testimonies and concrete situations, while of old, a book of civic and moral education for example, used to lead the child to understand individual morality, social morality, together with the values of work, gratefulness and authority.

Students are not taught landmarks any longer. When they denigrate the origins of a country, along with its past and history, the so-called political and intellectual elites have begotten generations of youths that hate one another. The starting point should be learning anew the true history of France, for instance with its great kings and great ministers; its doctors and entrepreneurs; its musicians and soldiers known universally, and often more respected elsewhere; instead of showing films and programs which have nothing to do with the historical truth.

In France, for example, the teaching of Greek and Latin will become optional, and the teaching of Arabic, compulsory. Greek and Latin, however, are the foundations of our European culture. A 2015 Senate Report shows that over 10% of high schools are no longer allowed to teach France history, the Shoah or colonial history. We should not be surprised, then, that the Jewish population living in Europe was 3.4 million in 1945, and has dwindled to 1.4 million in 2015.

Many of them flee from a life which has become a daily challenge. Christian France is commanded to remain silent and die in silence, pack its Nativity sets and hide its crosses, bring down some church steeples, because they have

become too costly, to create useless roundabouts or media libraries.

Countries so-called democratic live under the regime of a police of thought, that is, expression is free only as long as it fits the frame of what is acceptable to the mainstream media or politically correct. In France, some words must not be uttered, under the penalty of indictment. Lynching is a form of barbarity, and our western civilization is opposed to lapidations. However, mediatic lynchings are just as dreadful and unwholesome.

A person's statement is taken up again, but taken out of its original reflection; psychologists and experts are invited, and then apologies are demanded and the culprit is cast out. Most of all, debates are forbidden. If our political figures had relationship with the grassroot level of our country, they would assess that the citizens are fed up with their prearranged language.

The French Justice system is following the same course of submission: if a Frenchman enters a mosque and applies graffiti on its walls, he quickly ends up behind bars for Islamophobic act and incitation to religious hatred. But what applies here for Islam is not used for those who desecrate churches, Christian cemeteries of religious buildings.

Our traditions are being choked under the blows of our leaders' cowardice. Our religious and national festivals are emptied of their meaning. People celebrate everywhere, but traditions have disappeared, because our public officials work hard to empty them of their specific religious content.

Advent calendars in the Christian world have become like appetizers with lots of chocolate toffees concealed in the boxes, before the Christmas Eve supper. In western countries, Christmas is no longer the feast of the Child Jesus, but it has become the feast of children in general, who are adored. The leaders are generously contributing to the dechristianizing of our Christian countries.

Our European farmers are slowly put to death. France, for instance, has lost over 50% of its farms, in 25 years. Probably, at such a pace, France will soon become dependant on her neighbors when it comes to agriculture produce and products, even though nature, geography and the weather have given her the best assets.

Our milk farm producers lose money with every liter of milk they sell, which is

absurd and signals grave European disfunctioning. Such examples could be found in every sector of society.

Over 14% of French people live under the poverty line, and political cynicism allows over 1,500 migrants to enter the country on a daily basis, without having the proper structures to welcome them. This is the rule of stronger takes all, of racketeering, brawls, trafficking and the sordid exploitation of human misery.

Democracies are supposed to protect the weakest of its members; however, euthanasia has become a standard applicable to all. Every fragile or dependant person should be surrounded and protected out of love or respect for human dignity. That is why it is dangerous to let people think that some among them are no longer worthy to live, or that their lives are no longer valuable.

We get the impression here that in every field, our public officials are designing some new barbarian rites.

In February of 2016, Pope Francis and Patriarch Cyril 1 said, in a joint statement: *"We are concerned by the current limitation of the rights of Christians and of their discrimination, when certain political forces, guided by the ideology of a secularism often aggressive, strive to push them on the fringes of public life."*

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