

## **Demonstration for Democracy - 30 years after the Velvet Revolution**

To whom it may concern,

On the 16th of November 2019 at 14p.m. Czech citizens will assemble at Letna, the largest public space in the Czech republic to stand together for democracy.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2019, without one day exactly it will be 30 years since the events of the Velvet Revolution took place in Prague, the Czech Republic. During the weeks of November 1989, massive demonstrations were initiated by a brutal police intervention on rallying students demanding the end of Communist regime, calling for democracy and freedom. The Czech citizens united in the streets of Prague claiming independent justice, freedom of speech and free elections. Several weeks later the regime collapsed, giving way to liberal democracy to the people of Czechoslovakia.

Three decades later on, democracy in our republic is in danger. The Premier Minister of our republic, a former State Security agent accused of subvention fraud and in a massive conflict of interests with media ownership is jeopardizing the functioning of healthy democracy in our land. Together with the President who does not take our Constitution seriously, judiciary and the role of public media are at stake.

Nothing is however lost. On the contrary! People are uniting in order to support the liberal values of democracy that were so hardly fought for. People are ready to go in the streets to show that they do care and this is a signal that has to be heard and resonate, not only in our republic.

<u>On the 16th of November 2019</u> at <u>14p.m.</u> Czech citizens will assemble at Letna, the largest public space in the Czech Republic to show that together we stand for functional, inclusive and healthy democracy. Moreover, czech citizens living abroad will join demonstrations in Prague, by organising events in more than 30 cities all over the world. The list of mobilized cities is available <u>HERE</u>.

We, Milion Chvilek pro Demokracii, demand the demission of the Prime Minister Andrej Babiš, together with the Minister of Justice Marie Benešová. In line with this, we will call for the unification of democratic powers in the political opposition as well present a long-term vision of our association in defense of democracy.

Thank you cordially for letting the message be heard the loudest you can make it. Our democracy may depend on it.

Please see the invitation to the Press Conference finding place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November at 14p.m. at Rock Café Club, the Accreditation form for Letná as well as the list of Czechs joining the demonstrations in more than 30 different cities around the world.

Cordially,

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