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Nairi - Union of armenians in Petah-Tikwa

Petah-Tikwa, 28/05/2013

TO:

THE EUROPEAN BROADCASTING UNION

THE EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

ATTENTION: JON OLA SAND,

EXECUTIVE SUPERVISOR,

EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

FROM:

NAIRI UNION OF ARMENIANS IN PETAH-TIKWA

CHAIRMAN ARTIOM CHERNAMORIAN

Dear Mr. Sand,

I am writing on behalf of the “Nairi” Union of Armenians in Petah-Tikwa, Israel to express our concern and disappointment. The “Nairi” Union of Armenians in Petah Tikwa is uniting with the Armenians in Israel and the Jews from Armenia trying to establish a better relationship between Armenians and Jews and, at the same time, working against anti-Semitism and ethnic discrimination.

We have come to believe that the Eurovision Song contest has become a political arena for some countries which are eager to become integrated into the European family and are doing their best to buy votes and publically display a liberal point of view. However, at the same time, these same countries attempt to conceal the corruption and the dictators within their own lands.

What has happened in Israel during the voting of Eurovision Song Contest 2013 Grand Final is unbelievable and unforgettable. We are certain that the entire Armenian community in Israel as well as the Jews from Armenia voted for the Armenian participant, the rock band the “Dorians” and their song “Lonely Planet”. Inexplicably, however, Armenia didn't get any votes from Israel. This was disappointing and technically impossible. For example, in 2006 Armenia received 8 points from Israel, 5 points in 2007 and 8 points in 2008. Azerbaijan received only 3 points from Israel for the same year. In 2009 Israel gave 8 points to Armenia, 6 points to Azerbaijan, in 2010, the Armenian singer Eva Rivas with her song “Apricot stone” received 12 points and Azerbaijan only 6 points.

In contrast, the Armenian rock band the "Dorians" didn't receive even 1 point from Israel this year and Azerbaijan got 12 points. The whole Armenian communities of Jerusalem, the Armenian quarter and Armenians from central, Northern and Southern parts of Israel had voted for Armenia but no evidence of these votes was apparent in the published results.

The music of the Armenian band was written by the famous composer Tony Iommi. CNN broadcasted a report about the Armenian participant on the day of the final voting and stressed that Armenia had a good chance to end up at least in 5th place.

The contest was preceded by the visit to Israel by Azerbaijan Foreign Minister Eldar Mamedyarov. After several political meetings, it was announced that Israel didn't award any points to Armenia in the famous musical contest which was considered to be non-political. Unfortunately, we can't prove that Azerbaijan has negotiated with the Israeli professional jury but the results speak for themselves.

If the competition had been fair, we would have been more than pleased to thank you for an interesting and non-political contest. Instead, however, we are writing in the interest of justice. It is obvious to our organization that Israel has sold thousands of Armenian votes to its oil partner Azerbaijan. We are demanding our votes.

We would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

The Founding Team of Union of Armenians in Petah Tikwa

Artiom Chernamorian



Chairman of Nairi Union of Armenians in Petah-Tikwa

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