



**To the attention of Achilleas Demetriades
Truth Now**

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Dear Friend,

The Euromed Federation against Enforced Disappearances (FEMED), which aims to put an end to the enforced disappearances in the region, implements since its creation in Beirut on May 2007, several activities including, each year, a thematic conference. In 2008, 60 participants- international experts, human rights defenders and relatives of the disappeared - have exchanged during three days in Rabat on the *International Convention for the protection of all persons from enforced disappearances*.

The second thematic conference of the FEMED will touch on the thematic of « Transitional Justice and Enforced Disappearances ». This event is organized in partnership with the Turkish Human Rights League (İnsan Hakları Derneği – IHD), Yakay-der and Mothers for Peace (Barış Anneleri İnisiyatifi). It will take place on December 11th, 12th, 13th, in Istanbul (Turkey).

During the evening of Friday December 11th, the opening ceremony will be held. Then, December 12th and 13th will be divided in plenary in order to allow the participants to be trained, informed and to debate. Many thematic will be on the agenda such as the concept of transitional justice, the experiences of truth commission all around the world and what do these mechanisms are bringing to the victims. One hundred persons coming from Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia will participate to this thematic conference.

Considering your interest for these different topics and your experience, we will be honoured to hear you on that occasion. We do really hope that you will be available to contribute to the success of this event. Many thanks in advance for informing us on your availability. Then, we will be able to set the latest practicalities of your participation. Its costs will be covered by the FEMED.

Waiting for your reply, please receive, Dear Friend, the expression of our deep consideration.

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President of the FEMED