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COMMON DECLARATION**

The United Grand Lodges of Germany (VGLD), the Grand Lodge of Austria, the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland, the Grand Lodge of Luxembourg and the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium have met in London on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, following their joint declaration of October 2011 in Berlin.

It is with consternation, sadness and indignation that they see discord and division gradually and continuously increasing and worsening within the Grande Loge Nationale Française (GLNF) since October 2009, a shocking process of moral disintegration and organizational decomposition which culminated in the events surrounding GLNF's General Assembly of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2011. These events have also been reflected upon and commented in the media in the profane world, reporting extensively facts which up to now have never been seen in the history of Freemasonry and which are intolerable taking into account its values.

These events and the irresponsible reaction of the leaders of the GLNF - in spite of repeated pleas of a growing number of foreign Grand Lodges - can only be seen as trespassing the boundaries of what is acceptable, and undoubtedly prove that the GLNF continues to violate Freemasonry's basic principles and tenets.

**After a supplementary time of consideration, with deep regret, but with severity and determination the undersigned Grand Masters have therefore agreed to initiate, without delay, within their respective Grand Lodges the procedure of withdrawal of their recognition of the GLNF, each according to its specific bye-laws.**

The Grand Lodges of Austria, Belgium (RGLB), Germany (VGLD), Luxembourg, Switzerland (Alpina) reconfirm their attachment, support and solidarity to and with the French Masons willing to work serenely and strictly respecting Regularity under a governance worthy of that name. They will act accordingly.

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