

**We
are
switzerland.**

NATIONWIDE DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, 18th June 2005
(during the refugee's day)

Waisenhausplatz Bern
2 pm

all of us who live in switzerland are switzerland:

Origin, passport or status shall not matter. Everybody who lives in Switzerland is Switzerland, a Switzerland with an identity based on the aspiration to democracy, the ideal of the human rights and on the variety of cultures.

stop xenophobia.

For many years we have been exposed to xenophobic slogans, xenophobic parties, xenophobic laws and xenophobic authorities. We do not want to get used to them. They play a game with the socially weakest and brutalize our society.

stop racist propaganda.

Let us denounce the politics of the minister of justice, police and migration, Christoph Blocher: Racist propaganda has always served as a backdoor for ruthless social cutback and an authoritarian surveillance state. Those who use xenophobic policy to get into power shall never again be member of the Federal Council.

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In its preamble, the Swiss constitution demands a society in which „only those remain free who use their freedom, and that the strength of a people is measured by the welfare of the weakest of its members.“ We want to use our freedom to defend our fundamental rights: Against everybody who violates them.

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Our fundamental rights *



Article 8: Equality before the Law

All women and men on this planet have the same rights. Wherever this principle is violated, resistance becomes a duty.

Article 10: Right to Life and Personal Freedom

We do not want to be locked up in a prison Switzerland, „in which every prisoner proves his freedom by being his own attendant“ (Dürrenmatt). As active members of society, we want to create our own freedom and security by our mutual solidarity.

Article 12: Right to Aid in Distress

We do not accept that this fundamental right is abused as an extortion instrument or that it is only given in the form of coercive detention.

Article 13: Right to Privacy

Not migrants are a danger, but the security state which is continuously being extended. With its omnipresent control, the state increasingly attacks our personal freedom.

Article 15: Freedom of Religion and Philosophy

We do not let us set up against people with another belief. We are fed up with those manipulating society and those who are building on a hierarchical system. Switzerland needs less fear and more solidarity: Solidarity is as urgent as ever.

Article 16: Freedom of Opinion and Information

We must stop the fear of Blocher and his „compatriots“. This fear diminishes the variety of opinions and silences critical voices. We have a different understanding of the Freedom of Opinion than the rich spreading their racist lies.

Signed by (state 4.5.05)

AGORA, Aktion ungehorsamer Studierender (AuS) Bern, AMIKA, Arti-Fri-Ciel Fribourg, attac schweiz, Augenauf Bern, augenauf Zürich, CaBi Antirassismus-Treff St. Gallen, CARREFOUR NEM/NEE SUISSE, CEDRI, cfd Christlicher Friedensdienst, collectif des travailleur/euses sans statut légal -Ge, Collectif pour une Alliance Socialiste (CAS) Vaud, Collectif vaudois de soutien aux sans-papiers (CVSSP), Collettivo Sindacati.ch, comedia, Coordination Asile Vaud, Coordination asile.ge, coordination romande contre la LEtr, CRAN, DIDF, Demokratische JuristInnen Schweiz DJS, ELISA, EN QUATRE ANS ON PREND RACINE Lausanne, Europäisches BürgerInnenforum EBF, FAUCH, Fédération Européenne du Syndicalisme Alternatif (FESAL), FIMM Schweiz, Flüchtlingsgruppe Dreifaltigkeit Bern, Fondation suisse du Service Social International, Frauen für den Frieden, Frauenrat für Aussenpolitik (FrAu), Freiplatzaktion Zürich, Freundeskreis Cornelius Koch, Gassenküche der SIKB Bern, Génération POP, Gewerkschaftsbund Baselland, Grüne Partei der Schweiz, Grünes Bündnis Bern, Grünes Bündnis Luzern, Grüne Partei Bern, Gruppe für eine Schweiz ohne Armee GSoA, Humanistische Partei Zürich, IGA - Interprofessionelle Gewerkschaft der ArbeiterInnen, IGA Solothurn - SOS Racisme, IG Sozialhilfe, infoladen kasama, isa Informationsstelle für AusländerInnenfragen, Junge Alternative JA!, Junge Grüne Schweiz, JUSO Schweiz, KUTÜSCH, l'autre syndicat La Côte, Ligue Suisse des Droits de l'Homme, Menschenrechte Schweiz MERS, MigrantInnenRaum Aargau, Mouvement Jurassien de Soutien aux Sans-papiers, Nationale Koordination der Sans-Papiers-Kollektive, Neue Partei der Arbeit Basel, Organisation Socialiste Libertaire OSL, Partei der Arbeit Schweiz, Partito della Rifondazione Comunista Schweiz, POP & Gauche en mouvement, Plate-forme pour une table ronde sur les sans-papiers, Religiös-Sozialistische Vereinigung der Deutschschweiz, Sankofa - Plattform für Menschen Afrikanischen Erbes, Schweizerischer Friedensrat, Schweizerisches Arbeiterhilfswerk SAH, Schweizer WeltbürgerInnen, SGA des Kantons Zug, Socialist Party of Iran, Solidaritätsnetz für Menschen ohne geregelten Aufenthalt Region Bern, Solidaritätsnetz Ostschweiz, Solidarité sans frontières, solidaritéS Genève, Solifonds, SP second@s plus, SP Schweiz, Stiftung Gertrud Kurz, TERRE DES FEMMES Schweiz, terre des hommes schweiz, Unia Migrationskonferenz, Université populaire albanaise, Villa Rosenau, vpod schweiz

* Original titels from the Swiss constitution.