

To Mr. Juan Manuel Sánchez-Bustamante, GOVERNMENT SUBDELEGATE IN GIRONA

Ms. Núria Güell Serra, of legal age, with address at 17411 Vidreres, C/Puigmal, 667 and holding Tax ID code 45546965L; appears before the office of the Government Subdelegate in Girona and, in accordance with the law,

DECLARES:

I.- That I do not feel identified with the structure of the nation-state, with the nationalist processes or the concept of fatherland.

II.- I believe that the concept of national identity is an artificial construction as there are no parameters that identify it: as various specialists have claimed, and as is universally known, not all persons who live in the same nation-state speak the same language and not all persons who speak the same language belong to the same nation-state. Nor is it the fact that all those who share a belief are compatriots. Neither is it the case with blood, as there are brothers of different nationalities, just as there are monarchs of different nations who are family. Neither is it the case with culture, as every cultural creation constitutes world heritage and beyond the specific, it alludes to the universal. Neither is it a matter of territory, as State borders are arbitrary, the result of agreements, trading, mediation and/or wars, and they change with historical, political and/or economic events with the aim of exercising a function of control over flows and bodies. Therefore, national identity is a constructed concept that is instilled in us by means of operations of symbolic production.

III.- In the 18th century, it was important to create the concept of nation-state in order to oppose feudalism and absolute monarchies, and with this change in beliefs, it was permitted to defend individual liberties and democratic advances in European societies, which, in legal terms, put an end to subjects and vassals. But I believe that, in this day and age, a segregative concept exists that pushes us to outdo others.

IV.- There are countless horrors committed in the name of nationalism, as well as it being the basis that supports xenophobia and racism, at their peaks throughout Europe.

V.- History shows us that the origins of the nation-state are violent and that it is based on war and conquest as a way of affirming one's existence.

VI.- Today, there are cases where, in my point of view, the state institutions themselves are the authors of the crimes and they are committed in the name of the security of the nation, whereby, without having a say in it, I am included.

VII.- I prefer to form part of a common community, voluntarily chosen and not imposed.

VIII.- I have never signed a contract accepting the State as my legal sphere and the fatherland as a superior value to pay homage to. And it aggrieves me when political leaders take on the office of spokesperson for a supposed collective will in which they include me through national identity.

IX.- I do not believe that national identity represents me.

On account of the foregoing,

I REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT SUBDELEGATE OFFICE: That, this document having been presented, it accepts it for processing and, by virtue thereof, it agrees to grant me renunciation of Spanish nationality, thereby permitting me not to have any nationality that identifies me.

It is this Justice that is requested in Dublin, on fourth February two thousand and fifteen.

With thanks in advance for your attention.

Kind regards,

Signature:

Núria Güell Serra

