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KHA B'NISSAN (APRIL 1st) - ASSYRIAN NEW YEAR 6756

Kalamazoo, March 28, 2006 - It has been our tradition since the days of our forefathers in our ancestral homeland Assyria to celebrate the New Year on the first day of the Assyrian month of Nissan (April). Known as “Kha B’Nissan” and regarded as one of the most important religious and national observances held in Assyria, it is a celebration which represents the revival and renewal of nature.

The Assyrian Universal Alliance (AUA) extends its warmest greetings and congratulations to Assyrians all over the world on the occasion of Kha B’Nissan, the Assyrian New Year 6756. We hope that on this first day of Nissan, Assyrians worldwide will jointly strive toward instituting our national aims and aspirations for a rising and prosperous Assyria, which is free of aggression and inhumane acts of beheading, kidnapping, assassination and bombing of holy places.

The month of Nissan holds a special place in our hearts because it was in Nissan (April) 1968, that the AUA was established in Pau, France, to become a powerful voice for the Assyrians, committing itself to the spreading and upholding the Assyrian name internationally, and working to secure the sacred human and national rights of the Assyrian people in our homeland. For nearly half a century since its inception, the AUA has ventured in both civic and political arenas pursuing our people’s desire to regain their rights to live in dignity and peace with other nations of the world, especially in our ancestral lands along with other Iraqi people.

The AUA continues its effort to unify the Assyrian organizations and political parties for this legitimate struggle. In line with this policy, the AUA will host a meeting in The Netherlands on April 1 and 2 to further enhance and solidify this unity. Furthermore, the AUA will work determinedly with our beloved Iraqi people seeking to establish a unified, democratic, secular, pluralistic and parliamentary government in Iraq that will guarantee human rights and equal status for all citizens regardless of their ethnic background or religion; an Iraq that is based on the rule of law; an Iraq that enjoys full sovereignty and territorial integrity; an Iraq that recognizes and accepts the Assyrian Nation constitutionally as a principal nation within the political frame of its Republic, so that we can live in amicable harmony with all people of Iraq.

We wish you a prosperous Assyrian New Year.