

**Groupes
TO TATOU AI'A
TAHOERAA HUIRAATIRA
IA ORA TE FENUA**



**ASSEMBLEE
DE LA
POLYNESIE FRANCAISE**

Papeete, Tuesday, August 24, 2011

Dear Mister General Secretary,

On September 6th the annual Conference of the Pacific Islands Forum will take place in Auckland.

For this occasion Mr Oscar Temaru, President of French Polynesia will seek to submit the reinscription of our country on the list of non autonomous Territories at the United Nations to be inscribed on the Forum's Agenda for discussion by the Pacific Leaders.

As a reminder, on August 18th, President Oscar Temaru submitted to the Assembly of the French Polynesia a deliberation stipulating our reinscription on the list of the United Nations in NYC.

By doing so, he prides himself with this document to implement and support his political approach in front of the Forum members in the hope of obtaining their political support and approval.

It is our duty to inform you by emphasizing the fact that the adoption of this deliberation by the Assembly of French Polynesia was passed in total violation of democratic rules.

In fact, the 30 members on a total of 57 elected members composing our Assembly that were compelled to adopt this deliberation have not received a clear mandate from their electorate on this particular subject.

We believe that you are fully aware that a great majority of Tahitians are still attached to the link that binds us with the French Republic. This attachment is reaffirmed through each election and Mr O.Temaru's party "Union for Democracy" commonly designated as Tavini/UPLD is the only party claiming for Independance but has always finished as a minority in our territorial consultations.

On last April 1st, Mr O. Temaru was elected President of French Polynesia and managed to form a coalition with a number of autonomists which were elected on the "TO TATOU AIA" list of Mr Gaston Tong Sang(former President) and also members of the "TAHOERAA HUIRAATIRA" of Mr Gaston Flosse/Senator of the French Republic & former President.

May we point out that none of these 10 members on the 30 which voted in favour were fully identified autonomists members from our lists but had not received a clear mandate from their respective constituency to position themselves in favour of the reinscription of French Polynesia and in support of Mr O. Temaru's independant's claim.

We wish to emphasize the fact that this Assembly in its legal constitution cannot take such an act of commitment on behalf of an entire population. A population for which we have not seeked their opinion on such a vital subject.

We also wish to point out that the 30 elected members which supported this text represented a minority. By uniting their votes with the UPLD coalition they only gathered 53.000 votes last February 2008 as opposed to the autonomists lists: TO TATOU AIA & TAHOERAA HUIRAATIRA which represented close to 80.000 votes.

This deliberation's vote constitutes an absolute denial of democracy where a minority falsely claim all the power of decision without even consulting its population on such an issue.

On the other hand the voting procedure which led to the adoption of such deliberation is blemished by serious illegalities which has led us to seize competent jurisdiction in order to obtain a cancellation of this deliberation.

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We wish to point out that the Speaker of the House Mr J. Drollet has several times violated the internal institutional rules of our Assembly and has scoffed at the opposition's rights and duties.

To illustrate such behaviour, before the vote of the first Article of the deliberation, the Speaker of the House allowed one of the member of his majority to express his views but bluntly refused it to our opposition party.

In the same token, He refused to pass a vote on Article 2 of the deliberation and to consult the entire Assembly on a public vote request as demanded before hand.

These serious breaches with regard to the established rules will not doubt be censured by the Court of Justice and may lead to a cancellation of this deliberation.

In this present context, we would sincerely urge you to accept Mr O. Temaru's request with great caution particularly if the basic arguments put forward could be legally judged as blemished illegalities.

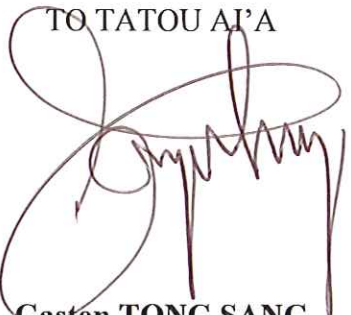
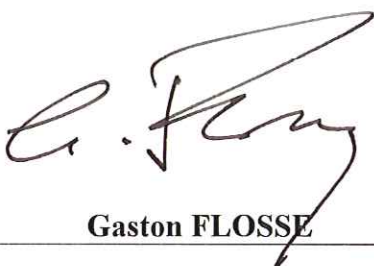

In any case, we consider Mr O. Temaru's request as unreceivable as long as he has not obtained a clear mandate from a majority of our population to move in this direction.

We believe that such an important decision on the destiny of our country should be solemnly taken by our population as a whole.

We are confident that you will welcome our comments and remarks and will give favourable consideration to our humble request for the only benefit of our People.

We urge you, Mr General Secretary, to receive the expression of our very best consideration.

Yours most Sincerely,

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