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Rt. Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister of Australia
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Dear Rt. Hon. Prime Minister

Christian Genocide Recognition

As an Australian/NZ citizen working for the UN in Thailand, I've written many times to the former Australian PM and the FM to request recognition of the Armenian, Assyrian and Greek Genocides that were perpetrated by the Ottoman Turks. You may know that I have also written open letters to parliamentarians on the subject, including on 17 January 2015, in which I requested MPs to:

...consider your conscience, and to refrain from supporting the memorial of ANZAC Day on 24 April 2015... I am asking you to recognise the Armenian Genocide on 24 April 2015. To support an ANZAC memorial on 24 April 2015 would be an egregious act that effectively means you are complicit in the crime against humanity, by joining Turkey in its vehement, century-long denial of the Genocide.

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister, I would respectfully request that your office does not forward this letter to the Foreign Minister, as this request is directed to you personally, in light of your impassioned plea on the matter (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pqbclr9sWZ8&feature=youtu.be>). No one watching the 2011 video can be in any doubt about your sincerity to address crimes against humanity. However I noted that your predecessor also made a statement on 19 April 2013 recognising the Armenian Genocide, but failed to have the courage to repeat this during his tenure as Prime Minister (<http://originsdiscovery.com/19%2004%2013%20-%20Armenian%20National%20Committee%20of%20Australia%20Letter%20from%20Abbott.pdf>).

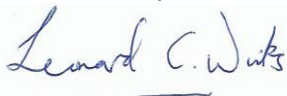
I sat at the Armenian Genocide centenary memorial in Yerevan, Armenia on 24 April 2015 watching leaders of nations which have recognised the Armenian Genocide (such as France), and even representatives of some nations that have not recognised (such as the UK and USA) pay quiet tribute to the millions of souls lost in an orgy of anti-Christian killing. I was ashamed that Australia and New Zealand failed to send even a representative that day, but instead went to be with Turkey.

Given that New Zealand has also failed to recognise the Armenian Genocide, I was even more ashamed when I heard Gerard van Bohemen, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations, hypocritically deliver a UN Security Council briefing on 09 July 2015 about the genocide of 8,372 Bosnian Muslims, in which he asked Member States to:

...live up to the Charter commitments we took on as a condition of joining this organisation. We all – all members of the United Nations – have to own this responsibility [of recognising genocide].

The Australian public deserves to know with absolute clarity what position your office is representing as our nation's opinion on this subject. Do we stand for truth and humanity – values our ANZACs fought for against the Ottoman Turks at Gallipoli, or do we hide behind our former colonial master's desire to placate the Turkish government, so their access to Incirlik Airbase isn't threatened?

Yours sincerely



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