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A Declaration of Independence

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From the Old City of Lisbon, a Jerusalem on a hill overlooking the sea, I declare that I no longer accept any national labels or classifications attached to my name, except for those that I choose for myself.

From this day onward, I declare that I am a citizen of planet earth and beyond. I am from everywhere and nowhere. No geography or culture defines me. I represent myself and my views only. I am not an ambassador of any country, not even the one of my birth, Palestine. I have uprooted myself and choose to plant my roots in the air, to always remain in transition. Free.

All we need is the imagination to find who we are and what we are searching for. It is the responsibility of the individual to stand up and free him or herself from the new form of colonization that people are affected by yet are unaware of, the colonization of the imagination. Palestinians do not need the UN, the EU, the United States or any other country in the world, and especially not Israel, to declare to them that they are free. We are all born free. Every Palestinian should wake up today and say — I am a free person.

Freedom is not something that is granted, freedom is something felt. There can be no set date for the independence of Palestine. That independence day is today. Everyone should declare it.

I believe in universal truth when it comes to human freedom and dignity. It is obvious even to the most naive of eyes that the occupation of Palestine must end now. The time has come for the international leaders to wake up from their drunken states of power to realize that their decisions, or lack of decisions, have become the nightmares of the majority of people on earth.

My name is Steve Sabella, and I believe in the power of the mind and of the imagination. I believe in equal rights for all people no matter who they are or where they reside, and no matter which faith or lack of faith they subscribe to. In my understanding of life, the world is borderless, nationless, with one central world governance that maintains equal rights and services for every citizen. In this vision, we are all citizens of planet earth.

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