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Rome, 15 January 2016

To the kind attention of  
The Norwegian Nobel Committee  
Henrik Ibsens gate 51  
0255 Oslo, Norway

Re.: 2016 Nobel Peace Prize - Nomination of Professor Johan Galtung.

Dear Norwegian Nobel Committee Members,

I am honored to submit the nomination of Professor Johan Galtung for the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize.

In the decades of his peace research and peace practice engagement, he has:

Led the establishment, in 1959, of the world's first peace studies academic research institution, Oslo's *International Peace Research Institute*; was, in 1964, founding editor of the influential *Journal of Peace Research* and has helped founding dozens of peace centers and research publications in the five continents.

Inspired, through his writings, with 41 of his books translated into 35 languages, generations of peace researchers and activists all over the world.

Contributed to peace theory and practice the conceptualization of peace-building, conflict mediation, reconciliation, nonviolence, the theory of structural violence, negative vs positive peace, peace education and peace journalism.

Mediated, since 1957, in over 100 conflicts between states, nations, religions, civilizations, communities and persons, with the latest successful case in East Asia in 2015.

Professor Galtung's unique imprint on the study of conflict and peace stems from the combination of systematic scientific inquiry and the Gandhian ethics of peaceful means and harmony. This has enabled him to communicate and implement shared change within the most different cultural and religious contexts: **a lesson which is the key also for the solution of our common XXI century global challenges.**

A truly extraordinarily creative, productive and global life at the service of peace would deserve the recognition of the Nobel Peace Prize,

Thank you for your attention. Sincerely,

Giulio Marcon, Member of the Italian House of Parliament

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