



**THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE LIBERATION OF CATALONIA
(ORGANITZACIÓ PER L'ALLIBERAMENT DE CATALUNYA, OAC)
PRESENTATION**

The Organization for the Liberation of Catalonia (*Organització per l'Alliberament de Catalunya, OAC*) defines itself as a national liberation movement for the Catalan Nation and presents itself before the United Nations (UN).

Catalonia has been a militarily occupied nation by foreign powers for over three centuries, and it has been punished and repressed repeatedly with extreme violence whenever it has attempted to recover its National Rights and free itself from foreign occupation.

At present, Catalonia comes under a common regime of devolution, conceded by the Spanish State (of autonomous regions), that controls a large part of the Catalan territories, for which it is responsible, and upon which it imposes its own rules and authority in keeping with its own convenience and interests.

The occupants maintain their troops and police across the territory and continue to impose their languages (Spanish or French) to the detriment of the native language of Catalonia, with the clear desire to substitute it and to effect the complete absorption and genocide of the Catalan culture and identity.

On the 1st of October of 2017, a referendum for the self-determination of the territories was held, comprising the Principality of Catalonia, with an indisputable result (over 90%) in favour of independence of the nation, despite the opposition of the Spanish government and its police force which acted with disproportionate violence against the defenceless voters.

The governmental representatives of the territories colonized by the Spanish State, ignored the popular will expressed in the referendum to declare independence. A simulation of a declaration of independence was made, in order to deceive the people and abandon their posts. Immediately afterwards, they accepted the elections called illegally by the Spanish Government. Such actions totally discredit them as democratic representatives of the Catalan people and can therefore no longer be considered as such. They merely call for dialogue and democracy, with exclusively economic criteria, without questioning the occupation and colonization. Their attitude is one of submission and collaboration with the occupants. They have repeatedly demonstrated a lack of interest in freeing Catalonia.

The situation in the state of Catalonia, presently occupied militarily across its territories, is one of injustice that contravenes the right defined by the UN, that peoples have to benefit from self-government and national freedom. There is a range of related situations in other occupied territories and nations in Europe, such as the cases of the nation states of Veneto, Flanders or Corsica.

This flagrant injustice, that violates the Bill of Rights proclaimed and defended by the UN, we hereby present before the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Special Committee on Decolonization. In order to resolve this, in accordance with the UN laws, treaties and protocols we announce the setting up of the *OAC* and ask to be recognized by the Commissioner, the Committee and the presidency of the UN.