

To His Excellency Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin  
President of the Russian Federation

Geneva, January 25, 2016

Mr. President,

I am writing to you in the quality of attorney representing my client Alain Soral.

Last Tuesday, January 19, 2016, you received a delegation of the European Jewish Congress. Two days later, the Representative Council of the Jewish Institutions of France (Conseil Représentatif des Institutions Juives de France, CRIF) publicly claimed that on that occasion, its Director of International Relations presented my client to you as “a criminal” and asked you to make sure that “he doesn’t use Russian media to disseminate his anti-Semitic theories.”

Knowing that the CRIF, chaired by Mr. Roger Cukierman, is a league of associations which includes among its members the Union of Jewish Students of France (Union des Étudiants Juifs de France, UEJF), I want to submit for your consideration the following facts.

The UEJF, together with the League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism (Ligue contre le Racisme et l'Antisémitisme, LICRA) has been directing against my client for several years a campaign of judicial persecutions. With the CRIF, they have managed to secure the support of the French President and his Prime Minister, who has publicly and very irresponsibly exposed my client to public vindictiveness, putting him in serious danger.

As a result, Alain Soral, a renowned French intellectual, has been ostracized by every mainstream radio, television, and newspaper outlet. A victim of several physical aggressions, he cannot move freely, and has been repeatedly sentenced to unfair heavy financial penalties. He is now under the threat of imprisonment.

Meanwhile, his outreach and influence among the French population keeps broadening, thanks to the Internet, to his publishing activity, and to the association Equality and Reconciliation (Égalité et Réconciliation) that he has created to unite all dissenters.

Committed to respecting the principle of civil procedure known as “adversarial”, to which I know you are sensitive, I want to bring to your attention the reasons why I vigorously object to the totality of the accusations made against my client by the CRIF in your presence.

Calling my client a “criminal” is an insult and a blatant lie. It betrays a very strange conception of the judicial notion of crime.

The only blame that these political organizations and our current State leaders can lay on Alain Soral is his realistic analyses and courageous stand:

- in defense of paternal authority, a family value which has been deliberately and systematically derided in an almost farcical way in our country;
- in defense of a more balanced international order, more compatible with the sovereignty of States, a position which Alain Soral has expressed during the Yugoslavian, Chechen, Libyan, Syrian and Ukrainian crises by an unflinching support for a line of action that happens to parallel yours in every case;
- in defense of a political world respectful of everyone’s religious beliefs, practices and spirituality, according to a French tradition of religious tolerance, at the opposite of a so-called secularism in whose name ultra-Zionist terrorist sects of extremists fan the flames of hatred toward Muslims, stir xenophobia and even deliberately encourage hostility toward Jewish communities, who are the first victims of these mafias of fanatics.

Since 2011 my client has ceaselessly endeavored to explain to our disoriented people that it is our own government who, under the influence of foreign powers and to the disgrace of France, has created the

political and social conditions favorable for the criminal aggression suffered by Iraq and Syria.

When Islamic terrorists struck on French soil in January and November 2015, our leaders and their accomplices had the nerve to exploit these terrible events and, in the name of the war against terrorism and anti-Semitism, persecute and attempt to silence the only true dissenting voices exposing their criminal policy.

As for the notion of anti-Semitism, I should point out that it does not exist as a criminal offense in French law, where it is nowhere defined. It is no more than a slur for the exclusive use of obscure organizations who usurp the name of liberty and represent no one but themselves. They manage in this way to bully into submission journalists, investigators, politicians, scholars, intellectuals, writers, artists or entrepreneurs, even sportsmen, and when this doesn't work, they exploit the judicial system to try to discredit and neutralize their enemies, on no other ground than the suspicion of ulterior motives. In former years, heads of State like François Mitterrand, Raymond Barre or even Charles de Gaulle have been targeted by this coarse system of ideological domination.

We all know that France is today in serious danger. We are also plainly aware of the difficult situation that the noble and great people of Russia has been enduring for several decades. It is in great part thanks to the considerable outreach of rare people like Alain Soral that sympathy toward you continues to grow in French public opinion. Despite outrageous mainstream disinformation, the French do not forget that our two peoples have been friends for centuries. Alain Soral's support for your great leadership is indeed one of the main reasons that these networks of organizations try to silence him. For, by a revolting hypocrisy, they are among the first to lead the unfair and aggressive propaganda of the Western world against yourself and your country.

I therefore wanted, in order to fulfill my mission of defending Alain Soral before you, to offer our assessment of the French situation. I am at your disposal for further explanations.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurance of my highest esteem.

Damien Viguiet