#### THE RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE IN DANGER?

# The European Court of Justice disregards fundamental rights!!

We need to show our disagreement

The July 14, 2022 decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union (concerning the Vincenzo Vecchi case)

allows a country of the European area to judge a simple demonstrator guilty of offences committed during the demonstration, and without proof, based on a freedom-destroying law of fascist origin!!

(his presence alone would make him an accomplice through moral support)

STOP to this relentlessness!

## **Justice for Vincenzo**

Discuss it this summer, because it concerns us all, so let's be hundreds, thousands...

### Meet in Paris on October 11, 2022!

to defend a free and independent justice

Sign the petition calling for the respect of our liberties and rights.

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## STOP to this relentlessness! Justice for Vincenzo



(following the resolution issued by the European Court of Justice on July 14, 2022)

**2001**: Vincenzo Vecchi participated, together with 300,000 people, in the demonstrations against the decisions taken by world powers at the G8 summit in Genoa. The repression was extremely violent: 1 death, hundreds of injured, acts of torture committed by the police (condemned by the European Court of Human Rights in 2015). Italy decided to arrest 10 men and women, for the example., The law "devastation and ransacking" promulgated under Mussolini was invoked. This law allows any demonstrator to be arrested for "moral support" with prison sentences of 8 to 15 years. Vincenzo Vecchi was one of them. He faced over 10 years in prison.

**2016**: Italy issued a European Arrest Warrant (EAW) for Vincenzo, who fled this disproportionate sentence. He has been living in Brittany for 9 years.

**2019**: Vincenzo was arrested. Two Courts of Appeal - Rennes and Angers - twice reject the MAE against Vincenzo, because the law of moral support has no equal in French law and the sentence is disproportionate for the offences concerned (without evidence, as a reminder). The prosecutor won't give up and sends the case to the Court of Cassation

**January 2021**: The Court of Cassation of Paris refuses to rule and prefers to ask the opinion of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) on a sensitive case that will in any case set a precedent.

**Question**: Can the Mussolini freedom-destroying law on which this EAW is based and this totally absurd sentence be validated and thus integrate the European and French legal space?

**Answer**: 21 years after the facts and 1 ½ years after the request for a European opinion, we are outraged by the decision of the CJEU rendered this July 14, 2022. Of all the options available, it chose the most radical one, namely, not to stop the EAW machine, no matter the cost for the European citizens.

This means that the European Court prefers not to disrupt the collaboration and agreements made between these 2 countries, even to the detriment of fundamental rights, disregarding the 2 decisions taken by the courts of appeal of Rennes and Angers. And thus in contempt of the independence of French justice!

> This ruling is incomprehensible and it is unacceptable that this could become a precedent in the future! We, members of the support committee, do not accept such a decision. We remain more than ever mobilized to defend our friend Vincenzo and in general, the right to demonstrate and our fundamental freedoms.

Next hearing at the Court of Cassation in Paris on Oct. 11, 2022!