

Communiqué of the Princely Houses

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200 years after the Battle of the Nations we have gathered in Leipzig to respectfully remember the vast amount of victims of the biggest open battle in human history until then. We recall the dead and the wounded, the soldiers killed in action of all nations and countries and the civil society that suffered from war and devastation as a warning sign.

We must get to know this historic place of action of our forefathers. The Princely Houses of Europe, the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation, the mediatization following the Principal Decree of the Imperial Deputation and the Battle of the Nations are concepts of a seemingly bygone era that nevertheless has a strong effect on the people in Europe until today. This historical consciousness is the basis of our commitment and duty to preserve family traditions, cultural treasures and Christian values and to pass them on to future generations.

We have come to Leipzig looking for history and encountered European presence and future – in a city of freedom where innumerable nations reflect the historic event in peace and dignity and literally "united in diversity"! We are grateful that after 23 years of democracy in Saxony a new understanding of our shared past was created after decades of state-directed interpretation of history.

We have experienced in Leipzig, how the battles of our ancestors found fulfillment by putting an end to hostilities. We wish that the decision makers in politics and society, in business and in the media would follow the citizens and guests of Leipzig, and use their energy to strengthen the foundations of Europe in the common cause of peace.

Leipzig, Medien-campus Villa Ida, of 19. October 2013

Georg, Archduke of Austria
Franz Friedrich, Prince of Prussia
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Alexander, Prince of Saxony
Heinrich XIV., Prince of Reuss
Alexander, Prince of Schaumburg-Lippe
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