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"OMNIUM CULTURAL" BANNED IN CATALONIA SURVIVES IN FRANCE

PARIS, France -- "OMNIUM CULTURAL", the Catalan institution initially founded in Barcelona, Catalonia, on July 11, 1961, for the furtherance and protection of the Catalan culture, and closed by the Spanish authorities on December 4, 1963, has been revived in Paris, under French Law and authorized by Ministerial decision of January 13, 1964.

The objectives of the new "OMNIUM CULTURAL", just as those of the Barcelona institution, are strictly cultural. This time under the auspices of French-Catalans, and as stated in Article 2 of their bylaws, its aim is to "help all intellectual activities relating to the Catalan culture in all its diverse manifestations (language, literature, history, arts, sciences, folklore, etc.) and their relations to other Romance cultures."

The immediate aims of the Paris "OMNIUM CULTURAL" are:

- 1- To establish contact with individuals and organizations directly or indirectly interested in Catalan cultural affairs.
- 2- To coordinate and stimulate all manifestations of Catalan culture throughout the world, particularly in the Catalan-speaking countries. (*)
- 3- To create an International Information Center and to publish their own Information Bulletin.

This organization proposes, therefore, to fulfill a long felt need of the Catalan national community to centralize and coordinate their efforts, and Paris, the seat of UNESCO, seems ideally to suit their purpose.

"OMNIUM CULTURAL" invites the collaboration of all interested parties and organizations as well as economic support from its friends throughout the world.

For Membership Application

"OMNIUM CULTURAL" - 70 Rue de Ponthieu, Paris VIII, France. Upon acceptance, yearly voluntary contributions of 250, 100 or 50 FF., payable by check or money Order to the "OMNIUM CULTUREL" account No. 21.016 with "Société Générale", 91 Avenue des Champs Elysées - Paris VIII, France.

- (*) Catalan is spoken - with slight dialectal variations - in: Catalonia (Principality), French Catalonia (Roussillon), Balearic Islands, Valencia (3 provinces), Aragonese Zone (along border), Rep. of Andorra, and Alguer (in Sardinia), with a total population of over 8.000.000 inhabitants.