April 18, 2013

Members of the Board of Directors Citigroup Inc. 399 Park Avenue New York City, NY 10043

Dear Members of Citigroup's Board of Directors:

We are writing to express our profound concern regarding Citi's association with an organization that has, for many years, orchestrated a hateful public campaign to deny the Armenian Genocide, a government sponsored campaign that killed over 1,000,000 men, women and children because of their Armenian ethnicity and Christian faith.

As you may know, Citi's Senior Vice President, International Government Affairs Charles R. Johnston is scheduled to speak on April 26th, two days after the anniversary of the Armenian Genocide, at a grassroots organizing conference hosted by the Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA) - an organization that routinely denies the Armenian Genocide and urges its members to block its commemoration in the United States.

As the International Association of Genocide Scholars wrote in March 2007, "As crimes of genocide continue to plague the world, Turkey's policy of denying the Armenian Genocide gives license to those who perpetrate genocide everywhere. . . . Denial is the final stage of genocide, as it seeks to demonize the victims and rehabilitate the perpetrators."

We respect Citi's stated view, as outlined in your Citizenship Report, that: "Our common purpose is to always conduct business with integrity...." It is in this spirit that we call upon you to sever any connection between Citi and organizations, such as the ATAA, which actively deny the Armenian Genocide.

If, even after our efforts to alert your company to the ATAA's public record of genocide denial, Mr. Johnston chooses to still address their conference, we ask that Citi publicly clarify that he is supporting this organization on a personal basis, and that the denial of any genocide, past or present, reflects neither the views nor values of your company.

We look forward to your response to our concerns, and would, of course, be pleased to meet with your board to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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