Basque Citizens Disappointed by the Politicians’ Performance

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The Basques urge desperately for the end of violence and a political agreement among political parties and ask the Spanish Government for a solution to the Basque conflict, a summary report of a forum organized by the Basque Government shows.

The report, carried out by the Center for International Conflict Resolution of the Columbia University, includes the conclusions reached in konpondu.net, an initiative launched by the Basque Government that provides an opportunity to gather people’s contributions on how to solve the Basque conflict and relay them directly to the Basque institutions and political parties.

The project was launched at the beginning of 2007 to find new political initiatives to deal with the Basque conflict. More than a hundred Basque municipalities have joined the initiative as well as the Basque Public University, the Basque Women’s Institute Emakunde and the Citizen Network for Agreement and Consultation Lokarri.

According to the report, the Basques urge desperately for the end of violence and an agreement among political parties. Citizens are disappointed with the politicians’ performance and ask the Spanish Government and the politicians to try reaching an agreement to achieve peace.

The summary report was presented on Monday by the experts from the Columbia University William Weisberg and Andrea Bartoli as well as the Basque president Juan José Ibarretxe and councilors Joseba Azkarraga and Javier Madrazo.