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CLOSING SPEECH

Dear colleagues,

After two days of intensive work in four sessions and discussions at the end of it, we are concluding the scientific conference "The patriotic and intellectual activities of Adem Demaçi" organized on his 80th birthday, with the presentation of 37 papers and 7 discussions. This was one of the activities that will be organized in the jubilee year of the birth of this personality, who has shown outstanding perpetual coherence as an activist in favor of the national cause and generally of the Albanian world.

Adem Demaçi these days filled eight decades of life. His multifaceted interest is well-known. Politics, literature, journalism, humanitarian activities, etc., have surfaced during his entire life. However, this multifaceted world is brought together by a vital feature of Adem Demaçi. It is his activism, his philosophy according to which only by the incessant activities can the processes move ahead, things can change, no matter how difficult and impossible this may seem at a certain moment. If he did not believe so much in the power of action, would he be identified as the most consistent activist of the national cause? According to him, ideas are a good base, but quite unnecessary if they are not implemented. Those who know him well say that, above all, he hates vanity. Adem

Demaçi, together with Gjergj Fishta and Ibrahim Dalliu, in Albanian thinking, represent the most critical triad against the phenomenon of vanity.

These deliberations addressed various dimensions of Demaçi's activities, as they took place in both different historic periods and contexts. As a general achievement, one can identify its results, which will be used to more precisely determine the role that Adem Demaçi played in these intensive socio-cultural processes, and the place he will take in the Albanian national history in the future. Although much has been written about him, one can say that the patriotic and intellectual activity of Adem Demaçi has not been sufficiently and appropriately addressed based on scientific criteria.

However, the deliberations revealed some of his major dimensions, such as:

- Political and patriotic dimension;
- Dimension of programmatic contribution to the organization of the National Movement;
- Dimension of the symbol of national resistance;
- Dimension of the motivator in the struggle for liberation and its public representation;

Here, the contribution of Adem Demaçi was also highlighted in the field of literature (as a storyteller, novelist, poet, playwright and literary translator), but also as a remarkable journalist, columnist, essayist and polemicist.

A part of the deliberations of the Conference dealt with the reception of Adem Demaçi's work and activities in different contexts of time and space. There were also deliberations that stand between scientific writing and

memoirs, but never mind. I guess that we need such contributions as well.

Difficulties in making science are enormous, hence the organization of such activities, and they usually start with limited funds to continue with some more along the way, and sometimes they also unveil other difficulties encountered as certain complexes. Nevertheless, I want to thank the contributors for their valuable contribution and all those who assisted them in any way.

For the comprehensive support regarding the organization of the Conference, on behalf of the organizer, I would like to thank the Ministry of Justice, in particular Minister Hajredin Kuqi, who in addition to material support, honored us with a really valuable scientific contribution and the proposal to establish a national award named after Adem Demaçi.

Dear participants, allow me to conclude this Conference with our shared and brotherly wishes for Adem Demaçi, our Uncle, to get well soon and may he be with us for many years to come.

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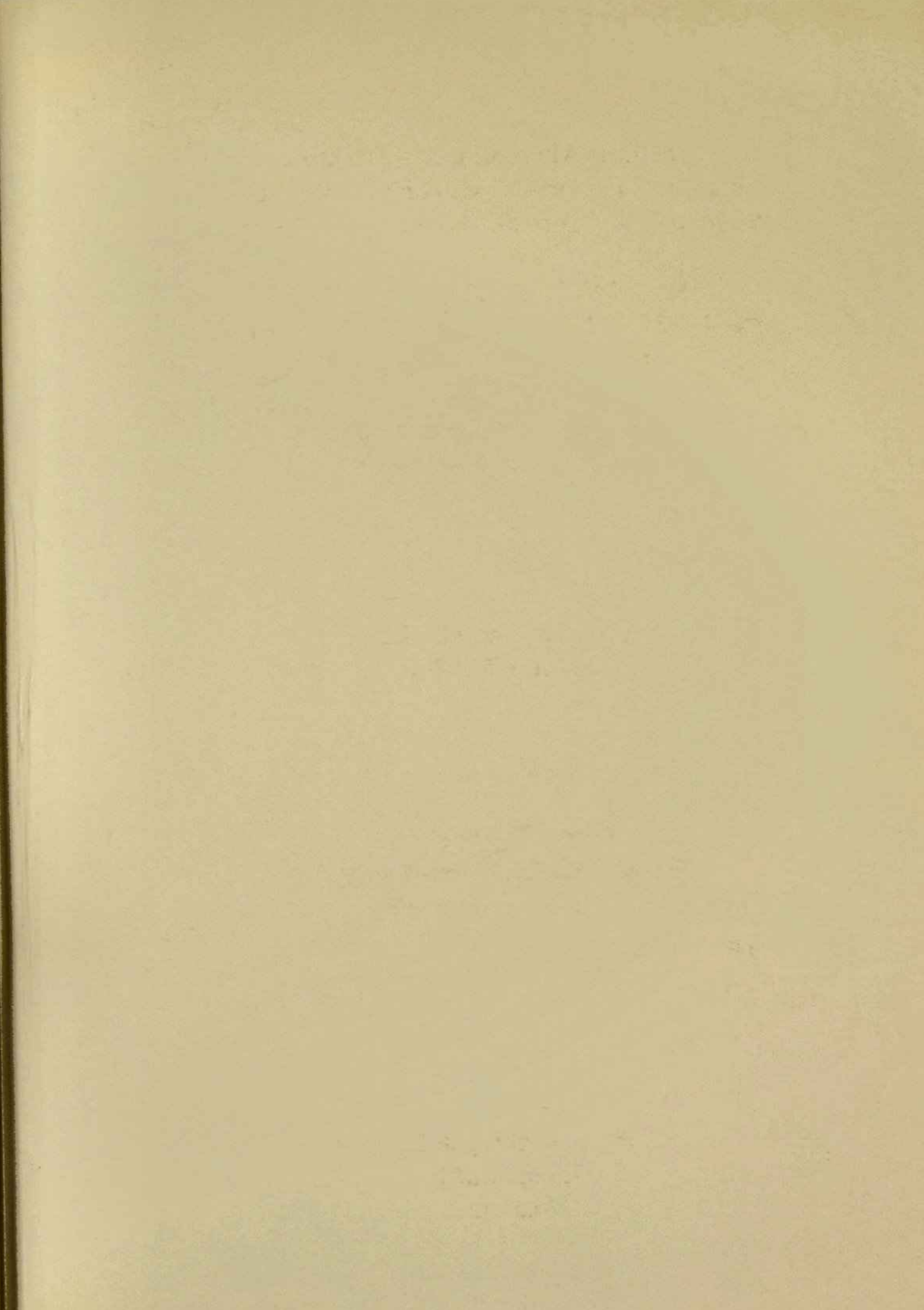
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