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In order to dissipate rumors and false information, the Council of Lebanese American Organizations wishes to inform its member organizations and supporters at large that, as of date, CLAO will not be attending the International Maronite Congress in Long Beach, California, to open this Thursday June 20, 2002.

Therefore, and since it is neither the intention nor the wish of the Council to attend, no single individual or groups of individuals, members or non-members of CLAO, have the Council's authorization to represent it at the California gathering. Any pretense to the contrary is false and untrue. However, individual and/or organizational members are free to attend and represent themselves.

The Council reserves its right to discipline any unauthorized representation of the Council by any of its members at the Long Beach California event. Disciplinary action can extend to a permanent suspension and loss of membership in the Council.

The Council of Lebanese American Organizations.