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THE NEED OF A POLITICAL UNION FOR THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT

The Brakes for a Powerful Continental Europe

A powerful Continental Europe has certain brakes incorporated into its collective memory or sub consciousness which today can be overcome. Only a part of the Eastern Europe was liberated from the Soviet Union heritage, we should also free the other former states members of the Soviet Union from the soviet heritage, include the Russian Federation itself. Instead of giving up on our future we should take it in our hands. The 'European Battle' for Ukraine is a key point of the liberation of all the former states members of the Soviet Union from the soviet heritage. The victory of Ukraine will be and for sure the victory for all Europe. Ukraine is in the center of the continental Europe, the control of Ukraine is a strategic issue to stabilize the entire European continent. The success of the European reforms in Ukraine is a weapon against the Putin's system. The successes of Ukraine will be the end of the soviet heritage in the Russian Federation. The European Union must stop to think that the Russian Federation is still a superpower state. The Russian Federation is not so powerful than the Soviet Union was! The army of the Russian Federation is not the Red Army! The economy of the Russian Federation represents 2,86% of the gross domestic product (GDP) of the whole world (figures 2013). And this economy is now collapsing because of the sanctions against the Putin's policy in Ukraine, because of the low price of the oil and also because of the inefficiency of the economic system in the Russian Federation based on corruption and a soviet culture of management.

If we want to compare; US plus EU plus Canada plus Australia represent around 46, 25 % of the gross domestic product (GDP) of the whole world (figures 2013). And NATO is still and for a long time the most powerful military organization.

The Russian Federation will have some big changes because of the economic crisis. This economic crisis will become a social crisis and at the end a political crisis. We can assist in the nearest future like for the end of the Soviet Union to the end of the Russian Federation as it is nowadays. The dream of the Putin's system was to build a new Soviet Union with the Russian Federation and with the EuroAsiatic Economic Community, this dream collapsed. This dream collapsed for several reasons, at first because no serious reforms were done, the corruption was established as a system of governance of the state, the economy is only based on raw materials with no efficient investments in new technologies and at the end because of Euromaidan

Revolution in Ukraine. The territorial integrity of the Russian Federation is not guaranteed, when the Putin's system will collapse that will be difficult for Moscow to save the unity of all the Russian Federation. After the story and the crimes of the Soviet Union and its collapse, after the economic and political crisis of the Russian Federation and the bad governance of the Putin's system, some republics of the Russian Federation will ask for their independence. To build the European Continental Union that will not be a problem to admit those new independent republics and nations. Nowadays, the Russian Federation of the Putin's system is a problem for the European Continent!

The Need for a Political Union

At first the European Union as we see now is not the final step of the European construction but only one step and the final step is the construction of an union for all the Continental Europe.

The European Union confirmed at the Nice summit its willingness to enlarge from the year 2003, admitting new members who met the conditions of accession. We are now 28! However we must ask ourselves the question that has yet to be answered, what will be the geographical boundaries of Europe? In my opinion, the borders of Europe are the borders the Council of

Europe in Strasbourg, 47 states now. If we do not develop a “hardcore” of members as the vanguard of the political union we will lament the dilution of the European Union as it enlarges.

The pressure of enlargement should have made the EU take a qualitative leap by strengthening the common policies, allowing new members to integrate into a reformed institutional framework. Through a complete institutional shake up and the creation of a hardcore of members we could bypass the blockages accumulated since the signing of the Maastricht treaty and stop condemning Europe to impotence. We could avoid a crisis which reveals our weaknesses and may lead to setbacks or even a collapse of the building which began in 1957.

Faced with the strategic challenges of the 21st Century, the construction of a politically unified Continental Europe is necessary. The new challenges cannot be handled by individual states neither by a system of intergovernmental cooperation. The latter showed its limitations in the ex-Yugoslavia wars. We really need to organize the building of a political Europe in successive steps.

On the center stage, would be a few states which have chosen to go further in the political union, governed by a constitution. Members of this small group would be members of the European Union and share common policies involving internal security (Schengen now) and external security (defense) and the Euro zona. In addition they would jointly manage foreign affairs and the economy. In the first outer circle of states would be those interested only in free trade. However some states in this zone could choose to participate in common policies, including security policies (CFSP). Finally, the last group is the group of candidate countries who will be associated members of the Union and who will prepare to be admitted in the political union. The “hard core” would drive the whole Union. This integration within geometric concentric circles would be a realistic way to construct a political Europe. Each country would be able to prepare in its own time for admission to the political union. There would be a shift from total integration to continued sustained influence.

Europe must propose a federated civilization and the creation of a new society. Its constitution should be included in this approach if it wishes to be better understood and accepted. Everywhere in the world, peoples are searching for an alternative humanistic model. This is an historic opportunity to be seized by our continent.

There should be several models of development and society in this world so that everybody can find what suits them. We should propose a project which fights precariousness, respects the environment and allows individual citizens to flourish in the pursuit of happiness. We must accept that realistically, the market economy is the only one that functions, but we can adapt it to suit any economy so as to serve the population and not the other way around. Let us hope that the destiny of the European Union and of the European Continental Union will be different to that of the Greek League of ancient times, which vanished with the disappearance of the threat from Persia. We have all the means to become a geopolitical power. The future will demand it if we are to face up to the challenges. We need to build a more humanistic European society whose values give rise to a dynamic political union. A constitution is an essential component to forming any sort of political Union.

If Europe was the theatre for the century of enlightenment it was also the setting for two world wars and some still partially unresolved dramas; these experiences should feed our thoughts and help us to develop a new humanist conscience. As in the French drawing rooms of the 18th

Century, we would like to debate together with the purpose of envisaging tomorrows' world and take our destiny into our own hands.