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Considered

- that the economic crisis and the speculation hit harder where politics has neither the instruments nor the power to propose positive solutions to challenges and problems, and therefore on the “divided and powerless” Europe of the nation-states;
- that the short-term solutions enacted by the European countries raised even more seriously the sovereign debt crisis issue and are not considering future actions to re-launch the European economy;
- that the spirit of power preservation at a national level harms the maintenance of the system of civil and social cohabitation, and therefore all citizens;
- that what is questioned now is the deep sense of the European construction, which corresponds to the project of European unification through a federal state, which is the only appropriate answer to the current situation of a “currency without a state”;

Denounces

that the idea that the European currency crisis could be resolved by creating two separate monetary areas or by making some member states leave the Eurozone is fundamentally contrary to the European project. This kind of proposals would pave the way for the end of the process of political unification: these proposals, rather than the federalists', are out of reality. Today, even more than yesterday, the saying “federate or perish” is valuable. In the time of consolidating continent-wide powers, Europe must be a Federation, or will disappear;

Notices

- that, perhaps today more than ever in the history of the federalist thought, the words European Federation, European Federal State and United States of Europe are being widely used and are shaping the public debate, so as to even take by surprise the Federalists concerning on the proposals of a European government and a European constitution;
- that finally, in the debate and actions that are taking place during the crisis, both the European Parliament – which is debating about the need of a supranational fiscal sovereignty – and the European Commission – which has played a fundamental role in the creation of the 750 billion Euros plan to save the single currency – have demonstrated at the same time the potential for demanding the completion of the European construction but also the incapacity to pursue it: what they lack now is the will and the farsightedness to call again for the European Federalist project;

Underlines

that all this is not enough: the Federalists' mission is to make the public opinion and civil society demands converge toward a unique and precise objective; sixty years after the Schuman Declaration, the Federalists must reaffirm that there is no more time for compromises: it is time for a Federal Europe;

Asks

national governments, the German and French ones above all, to assume the responsibility to act in the European citizens' interests, by re-launching the political unification process by means of a core group initiative (e.g. the Eurozone members), open to anyone willing to join to lay the foundations for the federal union;

Acknowledges

the success of the 9 May Action, which has mobilized sections and single activists: the political activism can be built only around a strong message, capable of being at the same time the mirror of the times and the synthesis of a political project. This is the strength of our ideals, this is the heritage we must carry forward;

Invites

all the activists to take advantage of the window of opportunity offered by the crisis to give new energy to their political commitment, by means of thought and action: every single “grain of sand” will contribute to the pacific unification of Humanity.