

## PROPOSAL FOR RESOLUTION

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- given the seriousness of the crisis in the European economy and the growth of a "social question" comparable only to the recession and social crisis of the thirties of the last century;
- given the ineffectiveness of austerity policies and of public spending cuts so far implemented to reduce the deficits and to solve the of sovereign debts' crisis;
- convinced, on the one hand, that nation states are powerless in facing the crisis and recession and, on the other hand, that the absence of EU policies of sustainable development have brought about an increase of asymmetries between the different EU countries to the point of almost breaking the monetary union;
- noting with great concern the evidence of distrust and disaffection of an increasing number of European citizens towards the project of European unification and the emergence of populist and eurosceptic movements in several countries of the Union;
- convinced of the need and urgency of initiatives aimed at promoting a *new deal* based on a special European plan for sustainable development and employment;
- convinced that these initiatives can be built "*from below*", through the methods of participatory democracy in the decision-making process of the EU;

considers

that Art. 11 of the Lisbon Treaty enables one million EU citizens to propose a legal act to the European Commission through a European Citizens' Initiative (ECI);

that national committees for the promotion of a ECI on a European Special Plan for Sustainable Development and Employment have been established by UEF national chapters in seven countries Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Greece, Italy and Spain;

emphasizes

the importance of the ECI within the framework of the strategic action of the UEF for the European Federation, confirmed by the number and the quality of personalities and associations which have joined to the committees and supported them: civil society movements, NGOs, trade unions, including the President of the European Parliament;

commits itself

to actively support the campaign for the collection of one million signatures.