

Diputado al Parlamento Europeo

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Dear Secretary General, *Caro Paolo,*

As you know, Europe, our common unity of destiny, is facing a multifaceted crisis, ranging from managing the Eurozone, to dealing with the inflow of refugees and migrants, and including a surge of political populism and nationalism as a result of the economic downturn.

As a Member of the European Parliament, and as a committed European Federalist, I am convinced that we need more integrated and better Europe, and no less, Europe. This requires fighting the renationalisation agenda with a positive roadmap based of our federalist principles: a true European government, a European common foreign affairs and defence policy, and completing the monetary union with a banking, financial and fiscal union, including a euro-area wide deposit insurance scheme (EDIS) and proper own-resources for a significant EU budget.

This is why I believe that the Union of European Federalists, being the oldest and most committed NGO working for a Federal Europe, has a critical role to play in the coming years shaping the future of a better and integrated Europe. I see two twin objectives for our organisation: mobilising citizens and public opinion in favour of our ambitious and positive agenda for Europe; and influencing policymakers in all key institutions, including of course the European Parliament, so the European federation can become a reality in our lifetime.

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In order to advance this agenda and to re-energize UEF Europe, so its voice can become even more prominent and influential, three UEF national sections (Belgium, Hungary and Spain) have encouraged me to run for the position of UEF President, an office that I understand must be filled at our next Congress. Thus, it is my pleasure to humbly announce you my candidacy, with the sole purpose of serving the European federalist movement to the best of my abilities.

In any event, I do recognize the enormous prestige, knowledge and work of Mr. Brok, our current President, who is a prominent European institution and who I respect the most. Going forward, I believe that I can bring unconditional commitment to Federalist values and principles, time to our cause, and independence from national parties.

Please kindly take note of the candidacy and relay it to the Congress delegates and other participants.

I remain at your disposal for any clarification, while looking forward to greet you in person in Strasbourg.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation, and kind regards,



**Enrique Calvet Chambon**

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