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PROPOSALS FOR RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL FOR RESOLUTION 4 OF THE UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT FOR A UN WORLD CITIZENS' INITIATIVE (WCI)

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- 1 The UEF Federal Committee notes that the need to strengthen civil society and enable the active
- 2 and informed involvement of citizens to address global societal challenges in an effective and
- 3 democratic manner is becoming more and more evident as we face multidimensional crisis
- 4 (health, environmental, social, economic) which clearly expose the limitations of the current global
- 5 governance mechanisms. The active participation of citizens is crucial to move towards a global
- 6 democratic order to ensure our common values of justice, freedom, Human Rights and Peace.
- 7 The UEF Federal Committee recalls
- 8 the key importance of citizens' activism in the history of European federalism and the UEF, and
- 9 emphasises the need of democratic societies to foster an informed public debate and the
- 10 participation of citizens;
- 11 the need of mechanisms such as the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) that allows for direct
- 12 participation of citizens and organizations of the civil society to propose new legislation, stimulate
- 13 the sense ownership of EU policies and contributes to the building of the European demos;
- 14 its long-standing support of the World Federalist Movement and global initiatives such as the
- 15 creation of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly that aim at the improvement and
- 16 democratization of the UN system based on federalist thinking; as reflected in its resolutions on
- 17 the relations between UEF and WFM, on a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly (UNPA) as well
- 18 as on a UN alliance of civilizations ;
- 19 believes that the ECI is a model to draw upon for the development of a similar mechanism at the
- 20 level of the United Nations;
- 21 **decides** to support the creation of a World Citizens' Initiative (WCI) as an instrument that gives
- 22 citizens a voice at the United Nations and to endorse the international campaign for a WCI;
- 23 **encourages** individual UEF member organizations to endorse the international campaign for a WCI
- 24 as well;
- 25 and **urges** the European Commission, the European Council, the European Parliament and
- 26 individual MEPs to work towards the creation of a WCI.
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