

PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION [1.1] OF THE UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT MACRON'S INITIATIVE FOR A EUROPEAN RENEWAL

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- 1 The Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists, gathering in Barcelona in April 26-
2 27
- 3 recalling
- 4 - that the European integration process is at a crucial stage, in which nationalist forces question
5 its foundations and principles;
- 6 - that is necessary to get out of the current stalemate that threatens to exacerbate the citizens'
7 distrust in the European Union's ability to face the challenges of our time and to guarantee their
8 security internally and externally;
- 9 Takes note with satisfaction
- 10 - of President Macron's letter for a "European renaissance" aimed at "politically and culturally
11 reinvent the shape of our civilization in a changing world";
- 12 - of the fact that this letter addresses directly European Citizens and proposes to open a debate
13 on a European renewal built around freedom, protection and progress;
- 14 - that this debate should propose "all the changes our political project needs, with an open mind,
15 even to amending the treaties" and take place in a Conference for Europe that "will need to
16 engage with citizens' panels and hear academics, business and labour representatives, and
17 religious and spiritual leaders".
- 18 Recognizes
- 19 that this initiative can become a substantial driver of the UEF Campaign for a European
20 Federation, as it states that:
- 21 - the maintaining of the status quo would be a deadlock of the European project;
22 - only a sovereign Europe can become a Europe which protects through an effective
23 migration and asylum policy, a defence and security policy, an industrial policy, a
24 social policy;
- 25 - the debate on the future of Europe must be finalized urgently, launching by the
26 end of the year the EU reform process.
- 27 Moreover the UEF FC considers
- 28 that, also in view of the still unsatisfactory debate currently underway in the Council on the
29 reform of the Economic and Monetary Union, especially on the creation of a Eurozone budget,
30 this initiative can become a very relevant leverage to improve these proposals by highlighting
31 their importance for the survival of the European Union and helping to place the issue of
32 completing the Economic and Monetary Union in the broader framework of the creation of a
33 genuine political union inside the EU.
- 34 Therefore it believes

35 that for UEF it is important to exploit this initiative in order to push the pro-European political
36 forces:

37 - remain firmly committed to advocate the need for a sovereign and democratic
38 Europe;

39 - and to consider as their political priority both in the electoral campaign and in the
40 next European Parliament the goal of finalizing this debate through the opening
41 of a constituent process;

42 and commits

43 its national sections to campaign for establishing among political forces, civil society organizations
44 and citizens a broad consensus for a truly Federal Europe challenging political parties in this sense.

45 Barcelona, April 27, 2019

AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION 1.1

Amendment n.	1	<i>submitted by Domènec Ruiz Deves, Francisco Aldecoa, Lucio Levi</i>	
Line number(s):	Title		
Original text		Amended text	
On the President Macron's initiative for a European renewal		On the President Macron's and Prime Minister Sánchez initiatives for a European renewal and a Federal Europe	
Explanatory statement (optional):	It is not only president Macron who is promoting a sovereign Europe. Prime Minister Sánchez called for a Federal Europe before the European Parliament back in January 2019		

Amendment n.	2	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>	
Line number(s):	Title		
Original text		Amended text	
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Explanatory statement (optional):	Widening the scope and emphasising the European dimension of the initiative.		

Amendment n.	3	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>	
Line number(s):	After line 3		

Original text	Amended text
(new)	<i>- that the current European elections will see, beyond the traditional political cleavages of Left and Right, a confrontation of historical significance between those political forces which uphold democracy, rule of law, human rights, international cooperation and the multilateral order, and political forces set to undermine these foundational values;</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):	Emphasising that, beyond traditional political cleavages, the Union's foundational values are at stake. There is not only a debate on "what kind" of Europe, but also a fight between "Europe" and "no Europe at all".

Amendment n.	4	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	After line 5	
Original text	Amended text	
(new)	<i>- that the complacency and resignation of some pro-European political leaders and citizens, who are content with the European status quo, is yet another obstacle to surmount in the establishment of a sovereign and democratic Europe;</i>	
Explanatory statement (optional):	The status quo is another crucial obstacle to a federal Europe as the nationalist forces on the rise and in power.	

Amendment n.	5	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	After line 5	
Original text	Amended text	
(new)	<i>- that when political leaders and decision-makers fail to provide concrete solutions to the issues of our times, citizens lose trust in democratic institutions as a whole;</i>	
Explanatory statement (optional):	Establishing the causes of distrust, before highlighting its consequences.	

Amendment n.	6	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	Line 7	

Original text		Amended text
- that is necessary to get out of the current stalemate that threatens to exacerbate the citizens' distrust in the European Union's ability to face the challenges of our time and to guarantee their security internally and externally;		- that is necessary to get out of the current stalemate that threatens to exacerbate the citizens' distrust in the European Union's ability guarantee their prosperity and security, internally and externally;
Explanatory statement (optional):	Citizens care for their safety/security, but also for their socio-economic living conditions.	

Amendment n.	7	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	After line 8	
Original text		Amended text
(new)		- that UEF and JEF are engaged in the campaign for the European elections under the slogan "I Choose Europe", whose objective is to raise awareness among citizens and political leaders alike on the need for a genuinely democratic, social, sovereign, federal Europe;
Explanatory statement (optional):	Connecting the wider reform effort and policy/political perspective of the resolution with UEF's and JEF's campaign for the European elections.	

Amendment n.	8	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 10-11	
Original text		Amended text
- of President Macron's letter for a "European renaissance" aimed at "politically and culturally reinvent the shape of our civilization in a changing world";		- of French President Emmanuel Macron's letter for a "European renaissance" aimed at "politically and culturally reinvent the shape of our civilization in a changing world", which comes after similar speeches at the Sorbonne University and at the European Parliament in Strasbourg;
Explanatory statement (optional):	Emphasise continuity of Macron's effort.	

Amendment n.	9	<i>submitted by UEF France</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 11, 18, 25, 43	

Original text	Amended text
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - civilization - recognize - finalize - organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - civilisation - recognise - finalise - organisations
Explanatory statement (optional):	It seems better to use British English rather than American English, let's stay European!

Amendment n.	10	<i>submitted by UEF France</i>
Line number(s):	Line 9	
Original text	Amended text	
<p>Takes note with satisfaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - of President Macron's letter for a "European renaissance" aimed at "politically and culturally reinvent the shape of our civilisation in a changing world"; <p>of the fact that this letter addresses directly European Citizens and proposes to open a debate on a European renewal built around freedom, protection and progress</p>	<p>Welcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President Macron's letter for a "European renaissance" aimed at "politically and culturally reinvent the shape of our civilisation in a changing world"; - the fact that this letter addresses directly European Citizens and proposes to open a debate on a European renewal built around freedom, protection and progress 	
Explanatory statement (optional):	It sounds a bit too much to be satisfied with Macron's speech.	

Amendment n.	11	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 12-13	
Original text	Amended text	
<p>- of the fact that this letter addresses directly European Citizens and proposes to open a debate on a European renewal built around freedom, protection and progress;</p>	<p>- that <i>President Macron's</i> letter addresses European <i>citizens directly in their native language - thus contributing to creating a European public space -</i>, and <i>has launched</i> a debate on <i>the need for</i> a European renewal built around freedom, protection and progress;</p>	
Explanatory statement (optional):	One of the key innovations of Macron's letter is the connection to EU citizens directly in their native tongue to launch a European debate.	

Amendment n.	12	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>	
Line number(s):	Lines 14-17		
Original text		Amended text	
- that this debate should propose “all the changes our political project needs, with an open mind, even to amending the treaties” and take place in a Conference for Europe that “will need to engage with citizens’ panels and hear academics, business and labour representatives, and religious and spiritual leaders”.		- that this debate should, according to President Macron , propose “all the changes our political project needs, with an open mind, even to amending the Treaties ”;	
Explanatory statement (optional):	We should avoid duplicating existing methods: either Treaty change through a European Convention; or drafting a European Constitution in a Constituent Assembly. Better to then concentrate on the key message: amending the Treaties is not a taboo.		

Amendment n.	13	<i>submitted by Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Francisco Aldecoa, Lucio Levi</i>	
Line number(s):	Addition after line 17		
Original text		Amended text	
		Of Prime Minister Sánchez address on the future of Europe, in January 2019, before the European Parliament, in which he called for a “Federal Europe”.	
Explanatory statement (optional):	It is not only president Macron who is promoting a sovereign Europe. Prime Minister Sánchez called for a Federal Europe before the European Parliament back in January 2019		

Amendment n.	14	<i>submitted by Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Francisco Aldecoa, Lucio Levi</i>	
Line number(s):	Addition after line 17 (new)		
Original text		Amended text	
		Of the fact that Prime Minister Sánchez called to “protect the European idea in order to protect the European citizens”.	
Explanatory statement (optional):			

Amendment n.	15	<i>submitted by Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Francisco Aldecoa, Lucio Levi</i>	
Line number(s):	Addition after line 17 (new) (new)		
Original text		Amended text	
		Of the fact that Prime Minister Sánchez called to develop a Social Europe, by introducing a European Unemployment Insurance scheme, to complement the national ones.	
Explanatory statement (optional):			

Amendment n.	16	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>	
Line number(s):	After line 17		
Original text		Amended text	
(new)		<i>- of Spanish President Pedro Sanchez's speech on the Future of Europe at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, where he has urged for the protection of Europe, which amounts to going "forward with [the development of] a social Europe, a Europe of defence and the Economic and Monetary Union. A federal Europe, in essence, which regains legitimacy and the confidence of its citizens";</i>	
Explanatory statement (optional):	President Macron's initiative is key, due to the historical significance of France in the European integration process. But President Sanchez has, just as courageously, broken (in recent times) the taboo of a national leader calling explicitly for a federal Europe. This should be acknowledged and supported without reservations.		

Amendment n.	17	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>	
Line number(s):	After line 17		
Original text		Amended text	
(new)		<i>- of Spanish President Pedro Sanchez's speech on the Future of Europe at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, where he has urged for the protection of Europe, which amounts to going "forward with [the development of] a social Europe, a Europe of defence and the Economic and Monetary Union. A federal</i>	

	<i>Europe, in essence, which regains legitimacy and the confidence of its citizens”;</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):	President Macron’s initiative is key, due to the historical significance of France in the European integration process. But President Sanchez has, just as courageously, broken (in recent times) the taboo of a national leader calling explicitly for a federal Europe. This should be acknowledged and supported without reservations.

Amendment n.	18	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	After line 18	
	Original text	Amended text
	(new)	<i>- that a fresh start is needed for the Union, lest its foundations be eroded from within;</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):	There is a new generation of European leaders that can provide new perspectives, courage, and a fresh start to Europe. The old ways will erode the Union.	

Amendment n.	19	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	After line 18	
	Original text	Amended text
	(new)	<i>- that - also in view of the still unsatisfactory debate currently underway in the Council on the reform of the Economic and Monetary Union, especially on the creation of a Eurozone budget - these initiatives can help place the issue of completing the Economic and Monetary Union in the broader framework of the creation of a genuine political union inside the EU;</i>
Explanatory statement (optional):	This actually simplifies the paragraph on lines 28-33 and simplifies the language.	

Amendment n.	20	<i>submitted by Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Francisco Aldecoa, Lucio Levi</i>
Line number(s):	Line 19	
	Original text	Amended text

that this initiative can become a substantial driver of the UEF Campaign for a European 20 Federation, as it states that	That these initiatives can become a substantial drivers of the UEF Campaign for a European Federation, as it states that
Explanatory statement (optional):	

Amendment n.	21	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 19-20	
	Original text	Amended text
	that this initiative can become a substantial driver of the UEF Campaign for a European Federation, as it states that:	- that <i>the initiatives of these national political leaders</i> can become substantial <i>drivers of the evolution of the European Union into a genuine</i> European Federation, provided that:
Explanatory statement (optional):	These initiatives follow, intellectually and politically, the UEF campaign for a federal Europe. They can drive the institutional and legal process.	

Amendment n.	22	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 21-24	
	Original text	Amended text
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the maintaining of the status quo would be a deadlock of the European project; - only a sovereign Europe can become a Europe which protects through an effective migration and asylum policy, a defence and security policy, an industrial policy, a social policy; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>other European leaders join in this endeavour, committing to a social, democratic, sovereign and federal Europe;</i> - a sovereign Europe <i>is assigned competences</i> on migration and asylum policy, <i>fiscal and budgetary policy</i>, defence and security policy, industrial policy, <i>and</i> social policy;
Explanatory statement (optional):	Clarifies the conditions for these initiatives to be successful: they must rely on a broader front of national leaders; they must include the assignment of key competences to the federal level of the EU.	

Amendment n.	23	<i>submitted by Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Francisco Aldecoa, Lucio Levi</i>
Line number(s):	Line 22	

Original text	Amended text
Only a sovereign Europe can become...	Only a sovereign, that is, a Federal Europe, can become...
Explanatory statement (optional):	

Amendment n.	24	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 25-26	
Original text	Amended text	
- the debate on the future of Europe must be finalized urgently, launching by the end of the year the EU reform process.	<i>delete</i>	
Explanatory statement (optional):	The debate on the Future of Europe hasn't provided very effective in launching a truly Europe-wide debate.	

Amendment n.	25	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	After line 26	
Original text	Amended text	
(new)	<i>- that any meaningful attempt at EU reform must be grounded in the development of a true European democracy, centered around a bicameral European Parliament representing citizens and Member States, and an elected executive;</i>	
Explanatory statement (optional):	It is important to maintain focus on a democratic underpinning of EU reform, refusing further intergovernmental efforts in favour of a genuine federalist process.	

Amendment n.	26	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	After line 26	
Original text	Amended text	
(new)	<i>- that the ultimate target of EU reform is not a change in the Treaties, but the adoption of a genuine European Constitution.</i>	

Explanatory statement (optional):	Recalling that Treaty reform is just an intermediate step.
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Amendment n.	27	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 27-33	
Original text	Amended text	
Moreover the UEF FC considers that, also in view of the still unsatisfactory debate currently underway in the Council on the reform of the Economic and Monetary Union, especially on the creation of a Eurozone budget, this initiative can become a very relevant leverage to improve these proposals by highlighting their importance for the survival of the European Union and helping to place the issue of completing the Economic and Monetary Union in the broader framework of the creation of a genuine political union inside the EU.	<i>delete</i>	
Explanatory statement (optional):	Moved up.	

Amendment n.	28	<i>submitted by UEF France</i>
Line number(s):	Line 34	
Original text	Amended text	
	Insert the following sentence: “Nevertheless the UEF FC regrets the intergovernmental and unilateral approach of Macron’s initiative”.	
Explanatory statement (optional):	It would have been better to have a statement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - carried by several Member-states to avoid giving the feeling that France wants to decide for all the others (cf. AKK reaction); - referring to the European Parliament, few weeks before the elections. From a federalist perspective, the renewal will never be the result of negotiations between Member States behind the closed doors of the European Council. The multiplication of "agencies" and "committees" conceals a lack of positioning on the necessary institutional reform. The proposal for a Conference on Europe is insufficient. After the citizens' consultations on Europe in 2018, which revealed federalism as a central concern of citizens, it	

	is time for action to follow. It is a constituent assembly that Europe needs to be reborn, with the consent of a majority of European citizens.
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Amendment n.	29	<i>submitted by UEF France</i>
Line number(s):	Line 34	
	Original text	Amended text
	<p>Therefore it believes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that for UEF it is important to exploit this initiative in order to push the pro-European political forces: - remain firmly committed to advocate the need for a sovereign and democratic Europe; and to consider as their political priority both in the electoral campaign and in the next European Parliament the goal of finalizing this debate through the opening of a constituent process; 	<p>Therefore recalling its transpartisan nature, UEF FC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - believes it is important to exploit this initiative, among others, in order to push the pro-European political forces; - calls, in the context of the European elections, EU citizens to vote for political parties firmly committed to advocate the need for a stronger, democratic and social Europe; - and considers as their political priority both in the electoral campaign and in the next European Parliament the goal of finalising this debate through the opening of a constituent process;
Explanatory statement (optional):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. since this resolution brings support to a politician, it is necessary to recall the transpartisan nature of UEF and to clearly state that we could support others initiatives. 2. since we are one month before the elections, let's call the citizens and not only commit ourselves 3. let's use the 3 adjectives we agreed upon for the campaign: 	

Amendment n.	30	<i>submitted by Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Francisco Aldecoa, Lucio Levi</i>
Line number(s):	Line 35	
	Original text	Amended text
	...that for UEF it is important to exploit this initiative in order to...	...that for UEF it is important to exploit these initiatives in order to...
Explanatory statement (optional):		

Amendment n.	31	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>	
Line number(s):	Lines 34-36		
Original text		Amended text	
Therefore it believes that for UEF it is important to exploit this initiative in order to push the pro-European political forces:		Therefore <i>commits the UEF, and its national and local sections:</i>	
Explanatory statement (optional):	This part must be operationalised further. It must be a call to action for the whole movement!		

Amendment n.	32	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>	
Line number(s):	Lines 37-38		
Original text		Amended text	
- remain firmly committed to advocate the need for a sovereign and democratic Europe;		- <i>exploit these initiatives to further</i> advocate the need for a <i>social, democratic,</i> sovereign and <i>federal</i> Europe;	
Explanatory statement (optional):	This initiative serves to further the “I Choose Europe” campaign messages. Our commitment is not called into question.		

Amendment n.	33	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>	
Line number(s):	Lines 39-42		
Original text		Amended text	
- and to consider as their political priority both in the electoral campaign and in the next European Parliament the goal of finalizing this debate through the opening of a constituent process;		- to consider as <i>the most urgent</i> political priority both <i>during</i> the electoral campaign and in the next European Parliament the goal of opening of a constituent process;	
Explanatory statement (optional):	It is the ultimate goal and the most urgent, even if underlying our whole effort: we must launch a democratic constituent process, or Europe is threatened in its foundations.		

Amendment n.	34	<i>submitted by UEF France</i>	
Line number(s):	Lines 42 - 43		
Original text		Amended text	

and commits its national sections to campaign for establishing among political forces, civil society organizations 44 and citizens a broad consensus for a truly Federal Europe challenging political parties in this sense.	and commits to campaign for establishing among political forces, civil society organisations and citizens a broad consensus for a truly Federal Europe challenging political parties in this sense.
Explanatory statement (optional):	It is the whole organisation which should commit to campaign (local, regional, national, European levels, individuals,)

Amendment n.	35	<i>submitted by Sebastiano Putoto, JEF Europe</i>
Line number(s):	Lines 42-44	
	Original text	Amended text
	and commits its national sections to campaign for establishing among political forces, civil society organizations and citizens a broad consensus for a truly Federal Europe challenging political parties in this sense.	- to campaign for establishing <i>the broadest possible</i> alliance among political forces, civil society <i>organisations</i> and citizens <i>to work towards</i> a truly Federal Europe.
Explanatory statement (optional):	We reclaim our role. Our duty as federalists is to unite al for one purpose: a federal Europe.	