

RESOLUTION

on the 92th anniversary of the Memorandum of Valencia: a visionary appeal for a Federal Europe

Resolution adopted by Federal Committee in Brussels on 12 February 2023

The UEF Federal Committee, meeting in Brussels on 12 February 2023,

- Having regard to the UEF Federal Committee resolution “for a Common European History Manual” adopted on 12 October, 2008,
- Having regard to the UEF Federal Committee resolution on Cultural identity adopted on 28-29 March, 2011,
- Having regard to the UEF Federal Committee resolution on the European dimension of education and culture on 24 April, 2018;
- Having regard to the Memorandum on the organization of a regime of European federal Union of 15 Septembre 1930 proposed by Aristide Briand to the League of Nations;
- Having regard to the Ventotene Manifesto of 1941;
- Having regard to the Schuman Declaration of 1950;
- Having regard to the solemn declaration on European Union adopted in Stuttgart on the 19th June 1983;
- Having regard to the report on the implementation of citizenship education actions adopted by the European Parliament on 6 April 2022;
- Having regard to the Proposal of a Manifesto for a Federal Europe: Sovereign, Social and Ecological adopted by the Spinelli Group on 29 August, 2022;

The UEF Federal Committee notes that

- The Memorandum of Valencia for Europe was a text written by the *Ateneo Mercantil de Valencia* in 1931 and sent to the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs as a contribution to the study committee for the European Union promoted by the League of Nations, predecessor of the United Nations;
- In the wake of the Memorandum on the organization of a regime of European federal Union of 15 Septembre 1930;
- That the Memorandum of Valencia already stated in 1931 that if a "sincere European economic and political cooperation" was not established, Europe would return to war, since the Treaty of Versailles had not solved "the difficult problem of the European minorities".

- That the Memorandum of Valencia also affirmed that, "*opposition to either of the two tendencies towards European cooperation in the economic and political fields would make us jointly responsible for the fatal armed conflicts*",
- That this document presents a clearer and determined vision affirming that the "*unifying tendency*" of Europe at this time cannot be sustained on an "*economic cooperation*" based on "*weak diplomatic threads*", instead of "*the unshakable pillars of a positive European law*", advocating in practice for a federal union.
- That the said document calls for the establishment of a "*general European political organization*", which "*in the legal field (...) tends in a certain way and in a short time to be the legislator, the executor, and the guardian and guarantor of the relations which in Europe already transcend the political powers of its various States*".
- The Memorandum of Valencia constitutes an enlightening document towards a Federal Union;

and encourages national sections

- to search for similar texts and initiatives to show the development of the federalist ideas between the two World Wars.