

1 **Resolution on *The Role of the Federalists for a Federal Europe, Sovereign and***
2 ***Democratic***

3 proposed by the Executive Bureau, signed by Sandro Gozi, President, Markus Ferber, Luisa Trumellini,
4 Anna Echterhoff, Roland Hühn, Raphaël Bez, Daniel Gerer, Daphne Gogou, Eszter Nagy, Giulia
5 Rossolillo, Laura Tatarelyte, Wolfgang Wettach, Birgit Wille, Antonio Argenziano, President of JEF.

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7 **A federal Europe, sovereign and democratic, is more urgent and necessary than**
8 **ever**

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10 **The role of the federalists**

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12 The UEF Federal Committee, meeting on line on 10-11 December 2022

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14 **in reiterating the extreme concern**

- 15 - for the drama of the situation caused by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine,
16 with its repercussions in terms of security and international relations, with its brutality
17 and cruelty that take us back to scenarios that we in Europe had hoped to have erased
18 forever;
- 19 - because of the seriousness of the economic fallout of the conflict in Europe, particularly
20 related to the energy crisis, which even threatens the functioning of the Single Market;
- 21 - for the impact that the redefinition of global geopolitical trade and economic relations
22 is bound to have on the EU;
- 23 - for the worrying rise of nationalism and extremism within the European Union

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25 **recalling**

- 26 - that in 2023 we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the European Congress
27 celebrated in The Hague in 1948,
- 28 - that the current Treaties entered into force on 1 December 2009 and during these
29 years the Union has faced unprecedented transnational challenges as climate change,
30 Brexit, huge migrations and asylum challenges, Covid pandemic or the blatant war of
31 aggression provoked by Russia in Ukraine,
- 32 - that the last Convention on the Future of the European Union, was established by the
33 European Council in December 2001 as a result of the Laeken Declaration more than
34 20 years ago,
- 35 - that on 9 May 2022 the Conference on the Future of Europe finished its work and
36 presented its conclusions, including legislative proposals and the call for a new
37 Convention; in addition to legislative proposals, the opening of a process of wider
38 institutional reforms is needed in order to implement the Conference's conclusions
39 and strengthen the mechanisms citizens' participation;
- 40 - that a new Treaty is necessary now in order to include new common policies
41 responding to the EU citizens requests and the EU interests and values and in order
42 to strengthen the Union capacity to act immediately when facing emergencies and new
43 challenges;
- 44 - that after the adoption of the European Parliament's resolutions of 4th of May and 9th
45 of June 2022, the Council has delayed the transmission of the activation of article 48
46 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) to the European Council until at least
47 spring 2023;

49 **stresses**

- 50 - how, in this context, the political-institutional reform of the European Union can no
51 longer be postponed so that it can become a political entity capable of acting more
52 effectively and democratically, based on a double legitimacy of European citizens and
53 Member States;
54 - how this reform passes through the overcoming of the current intergovernmental
55 mechanisms that subordinate every decision to the reaching of a consensual agreement
56 between the governments of the member states, paralysing the Union in many cases
57 due to the inevitable divergences between immediate and narrow national interests.
58 That is why the time has come to entrust the elaboration and defence of the European
59 interest to independent supranational institutions to truly promote the EU general
60 interest as their objective;

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62 **therefore reiterates**

- 63 - the urgency of a federal Europe, sovereign and democratic - a necessary condition to
64 protect the values and interests of Europeans - and thus to initiate a thorough reform
65 of the Treaties that also paves the way for a true Constitution and a full Federation.
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67 **Recalls in this regard**

- 68 - the conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) and the will that
69 emerged particularly in the final part of its proceedings with a clear demand for a
70 Europe:
71 ○ more effective and democratic, with stronger and more citizen-involved
72 European institutions;
73 ○ more united in its democratic and fundamental values and in guaranteeing
74 inclusive societies and equal opportunities for citizens in life, education and
75 training, and work;
76 ○ equipped with instruments to make citizen participation effective and constant;
77 - the proposals contained in the final CoFoE report, with particular reference to those
78 elaborated by the Working Group on European Democracy, from which it emerges:
79 ○ the need to reform the EU in a federal sense, clarifying the competences and
80 roles of the different levels of government, transforming the Council into a true
81 second legislative chamber, giving effective powers to the European Parliament
82 in legislative and budgetary matters;
83 ○ the need to overcome unanimity voting, replacing it with qualified majority
84 voting;
85 ○ the importance of uniforming and reforming the European electoral law in
86 order to create a genuinely European political confrontation and participation,
87 establishing transnational lists for the election of a number of MEPs on a
88 European basis and strengthening the system of *Spitzenkandidaten* (heads of the
89 lists) to elect the President of the European Commission;
90 ○ the need to reopen the debate on the Constitution, to set our common values
91 and agree on the rules of decision-making of the European Federation;
92 ○ the request to start the process of convening a Convention aiming at reforming
93 the Treaties towards a Constitution;
94 - the resolutions adopted by the European Parliament on 4 May 2022 on the *follow-up to*
95 *the conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe* and on 9 June 2022 on the *call*
96 *for a Convention on the revision of the Treaties*, which call for the convening of a

- 97 Convention to open the reform of the Treaties on the basis of the recommendations
98 that emerged from the conference;
99 - the commitment made to this effect also by the leaders of the European institutions at
100 the closing ceremony of CoFoE;
101 - the contribution of the federalists to the achievement of these results through their
102 campaign on the CoFoE platform and their contribution to the work of the conference.
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104 **Therefore observes with extreme concern**

- 105 - the Council's attempt to cover up the European Parliament's request to launch a
106 Convention under Article 48 TEU, by postponing the transmission of this request to
107 the national parliaments and then to the European Council on pretexts that denote an
108 intention to halt the process;
109 - the current difficulty of the European Parliament confronted with this impasse and the
110 risk that the temptation to abandon the fight and postpone *sine die* the attempt to
111 reform the European Union will prevail;
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113 **warns against illusion**

- 114 - that renouncing the battle for a federal political Union today may create more
115 favourable conditions in the near future - to overcome the obstacle posed by the
116 resistance of many Member states to Treaty reform;
117 - that in a European Union that is highly integrated and at the same time dominated by
118 the political power of the Member states, the Conference of the Future of Europe
119 succeeded in creating a framework for discussion and the elaboration of directions for
120 the future of Europe that took control away from the governments and involved
121 directly citizens and elected representatives together; and the Convention, which is
122 itself an assembly in which the role of national governments is greatly diminished, must
123 be initiated on the basis of this legitimacy;
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125 **remember**

- 126 - that in any case, the question that the European Union cannot evade is that of
127 redefining itself on the basis of different levels of integration that reflect the will both
128 of those states and peoples that wish to limit themselves to the current integration
129 and of those that are in favour of establishing a political Union;
130 - that such a redefinition implies either that an agreement is reached on the new
131 structure - i.e. that those opposed to political integration do not block those who want
132 to build it - or that, in the absence of such an agreement, the group of states and
133 peoples that want to deepen the union go ahead anyway, with a constitutional and
134 political break-up, and renegotiate the new relationship at a later date;
135 - that in both cases a driving role of the European Parliament is needed, as well as an
136 alliance of likeminded governments and political forces (within not only the European
137 Parliament, but also the national parliaments), which can then expand once the dynamic
138 and federative process is set in motion;
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140 **reiterates**

141 that the role of the federalists at this stage is to support the pro-European forces within the
142 EP to continue the fight for the Convention, while also preparing for the 2024 European
143 elections, which could offer the opportunity for a continent-wide debate on a new constituent
144 process.

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146 **In this regard, the FC of the UEF**

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148 **welcomes**

149 the achievements and the leadership of the European Parliament in the Conference and the
150 resolutions of 4th May and 9th of June;

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152 **welcomes**

153 the election of the UEF President Sandro Gozi as chairman of the Spinelli Group, a group of
154 committed federalists who should lead the EP initiatives towards a Constitution

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156 **stresses**

157 the importance of this opportunity at a strategic moment in the federalist battle, also in order
158 to bring federalist demands and proposals into the debate on the reforms that the EP intends
159 to prepare for the Convention;

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161 **undertakes**

162 - to work at the European level through the Spinelli Group to get the EP to take
163 initiatives drawing attention to the Council's legal and political duty to bring before the
164 European Council the request to launch a Convention; these could also (but not
165 exclusively) include initiatives involving the citizens who participated in the Conference
166 and joint initiatives with national Parliaments;

167 - in the national sections to set up Spinelli Groups and Intergroups for Europe in their
168 respective parliaments, linked directly with the Spinelli Group in the EP also to
169 converge in the call for a Convention;

170 - to try to use the opportunity of the Spanish presidency to take the decision - if it has
171 not already been obtained - on the Convention;

172 - to work for the 2024 elections to be, in the wake of this process, a moment of open
173 and democratic debate on the re-foundation on federal bases of the European Union
174 and on the need to arrive at a Constitution for a federal Europe, sovereign and
175 democratic and to establish a genuine European democracy;

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177 **proposes**

178 a new European Congress in the 75th Anniversary of the Hague Congress alongside the EMI
179 for the European Civil Society.



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	<p>recalling that in 2023 we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the European Congress celebrated in The Hague in 1948,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that the current Treaties entered into force on 1 December 2009 and during these years the Union has faced unprecedented transnational challenges as climate change, Brexit, huge migrations and asylum challenges, Covid pandemic or the blatant war of aggression provoked by Russia in Ukraine, - that the last Convention on the Future of the European Union, was established by the European Council in December 2001 as a result of the Laeken Declaration more than 20 years ago, - that on 9 May 2022 the Conference on the Future of Europe finished its work and presented its conclusions, including legislative proposals and the call for a new Convention; in addition to legislative proposals, the opening of a process of wider institutional reforms is needed in order to implement the Conference's conclusions and strengthen the mechanisms citizens' participation; - that a new Treaty is necessary now in order to include new common policies responding to the EU citizens requests and the EU 	<p>Having regard to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Ventotene Manifesto of 1941 - Article 21(3) of the ECSC Treaty of 1950, and subsequently Article 138(3) of the EEC Treaty of 1957, providing that their Parliamentary Assembly "shall draw up plans for elections by direct universal suffrage in accordance with a uniform procedure in all member States"; that this not having been done, the governments adopted in 1976 the act allowing the first election of the European Parliament by universal suffrage in 1979, regulating the representation of citizens in a degressively proportional way, with a minimum threshold of six members per member State and a ceiling of 96 seats, which provision became Article 14(2) TEU; that this article, in contradiction with the values, in particular that of equality, which appear since 1999 in article 2 TEU, perpetuates the fact that the electoral weight of a Maltese or a Luxembourger is twelve times higher than that of a German, if at least they are old enough to vote, because eligibility is acquired at 18 years in 14 member States; at 21 in 10 others; at



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<p>interests and values and in order to strengthen the Union capacity to act immediately when facing emergencies and new challenges;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that after the adoption of the European Parliament's resolutions of 4th of May and 9th of June 2022, the Council has delayed the transmission of the activation of article 48 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) to the European Council until at least spring 2023; 	<p>23 in Romania and at 25 in Italy and Greece; that. European citizenship (Art. 20 para. 2b TFEU) allows to vote in the country of residence, if it is part of the EU, in accordance with the rules in force in that country (Council Directive 93/109/EC); that citizens residing abroad can vote either in their own country of citizenship, or by post, or at their Embassy, or even electronically, while however Bulgarians, Greeks and Italians can only do so from a EU member State, which is forbidden for Czech, Slovak, Irish and Maltese citizens; that, contrary to what prevails elsewhere, voting is compulsory in Belgium, Bulgaria, Luxembourg, Greece and Cyprus; that the right to vote is acquired everywhere at 18, except in Austria where it is 16;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – article 14(2) TEU, that does not provide for an electoral threshold, and to the fact that Cyprus has a threshold of 1.8%, Greece 3%, Italy, Austria and Sweden 4%; 10 countries have a threshold of 5%; – the fact that in most member States, though not in France, Germany, Spain, Hungary, Romania and Portugal, electoral lists drawn up by the different parties are in competition and voters have to vote for a single candidate; that in Luxembourg, on the other hand, voting for several candidates from competing lists is allowed, that in Belgium, Ireland, Italy and Poland, the electoral college is divided into constituencies and that Ireland and Malta practice a single transferable vote in a multi-member constituency election; – Article 9 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) that provides: "In all its activities, the Union shall observe the principle of the equality of its citizens, 	



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		<p>who shall receive equal attention from its institutions, bodies, offices and agencies; that every citizen of a Member State shall be a citizen of the Union";</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the judgement of 30 June 2009 of the German Federal Court in Karlsruhe, which ruled that: " The representation of citizens in the European Parliament is not linked to the equality of citizens of the EU (Article 9 TEU), but to nationality; a criterion which is, in itself, an absolute prohibition of distinction for the EU. [...]. The EU thus finds itself in a contradiction of values with the basis of its self-image as a citizens' union, which can only be explained by the character of the EU as an association of sovereign States" and that "even after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, the EU [lacks] a political decision-making body established by equal election of all citizens of the EU with the ability to represent the will of the people in a uniform manner "; that, as a matter of fact, the elections to the European Parliament have never respected democratic principles or the provisions of the fundamental treaties; – the Laeken Declaration on the future of Europe of 15 December 2001; – the Manifesto Our federal Europe: sovereign and democratic launched on 9 May 2021 by the Spinelli Group, the UEF and the European Movement International (EMI); □ Article 48 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU); – the resolution adopted by the UEF Congress: Our Federal Europe, Sovereign and Democratic on 4 July 2021; – the resolution of the European Parliament of 4 May 2022 on the



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	<p>follow-up to the conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the report of 9 May 2022 on the final outcome of the Conference on the Future of Europe; <input type="checkbox"/> the resolution of the European Parliament of 9 June 2022 on the call for a convention on the revision of the Treaties; – the resolution “A Federal European State, the prerequisite for an efficient European defence and a continental geopolitical responsibility” adopted by the Federal Committee of the UEF on 10 July 2022; <p>whereas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. in 2023 we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the European Congress that took place in The Hague in May 1948, B. the current Treaties entered into force on 1 December 2009 and during these years the Union has poorly faced unprecedented transnational challenges as financial, economic, and monetary crisis, uncontrolled migrations, climate change, Brexit, Covid-19 pandemic or the blatant aggressive invasion war of Russia against Ukraine, C. the Convention on the Future of the European Union, established by the European Council in December 2001 following the request of a Constitution by the Laeken Declaration eventually only delivered a so-called “Constitutional treaty”, which constitutes an oxymoron, D. on 9 May 2022 the Conference on the future of Europe finished its work and presented its conclusions, including legislative proposals and the call for a convention, E. in addition to legislative proposals, the opening of a process of institutional reforms is needed to provide Europe with a federal, effective and 	



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Explanatory statement (optional):	This amendment aims to improve the analysis of the current situation, drawing in particular on the Proposal 4. Resolution "A Federal Europe, sovereign, social and ecological is more necessary than ever - The role of the federalists ahead the constituent process" submitted on 14 November 2022 by Domènec RUIZ DEVESA, Francisco ALDECOA LUZÁRRAGA, Alejandro PEINADO GARCÍA, and Gloria VARA GINER.

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emerges: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the need to reform the EU in a federal sense, clarifying the competences and roles of the different levels of government, transforming the Council into a true second legislative chamber, giving effective powers to the European Parliament in legislative and budgetary matters;• the need to overcome unanimity voting, replacing it with qualified majority voting;• the importance of uniforming and reforming the European electoral law in order to create a genuinely European political confrontation and participation, establishing transnational lists for the election of a number of MEPs on a European basis and strengthening the system of <i>Spitzenkandidaten</i> (heads of the lists) to elect the President of the European Commission;• the need to reopen the debate on the Constitution, to set our common values and agree on the rules of decision-making of the European Federation;• the request to start the process of convening a Convention aiming at reforming the Treaties towards a Constitution; <ul style="list-style-type: none">– the resolutions adopted by the European Parliament on 4 May 2022 on the <i>follow-up to the conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe</i> and on 9 June 2022 on the <i>call for a Convention on the revision of the Treaties</i>, which call for the convening of a Convention to open the reform of the Treaties on the basis of the recommendations that emerged from the conference;– the commitment made to this effect also by the leaders of the European institutions		

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<p>at the closing ceremony of CoFoE;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the contribution of the federalists to the achievement of these results through their campaign on the CoFoE platform and their contribution to the work of the conference. <p>Therefore observes with extreme concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the Council's attempt to cover up the European Parliament's request to launch a Convention under Article 48 TEU, by postponing the transmission of this request to the national parliaments and then to the European Council on pretexts that denote an intention to halt the process; – the current difficulty of the European Parliament confronted with this impasse and the risk that the temptation to abandon the fight and postpone <i>sine die</i> the attempt to reform the European Union will prevail; <p>warns against illusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – that renouncing the battle for a federal political Union today may create more favourable conditions in the near future - to overcome the obstacle posed by the resistance of many Member states to Treaty reform; – that in a European Union that is highly integrated and at the same time dominated by the political power of the Member states, the Conference of the Future of Europe succeeded in creating a framework for discussion and the elaboration of directions for the future of Europe that took control away from the governments and involved directly citizens and elected representatives together; and the Convention, which is itself an assembly in which the role of national governments is greatly diminished, must be initiated on the basis of this legitimacy; <p>remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – that in any case, the question that the European Union cannot evade is that of redefining itself on the basis of different 		

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<p>levels of integration that reflect the will both of those states and peoples that wish to limit themselves to the current integration and of those that are in favour of establishing a political Union;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – that such a redefinition implies either that an agreement is reached on the new structure - i.e. that those opposed to political integration do not block those who want to build it - or that, in the absence of such an agreement, the group of states and peoples that want to deepen the union go ahead anyway, with a constitutional and political break-up, and renegotiate the new relationship at a later date; – that in both cases a driving role of the European Parliament is needed, as well as an alliance of like-minded governments and political forces (within not only the European Parliament, but also the national parliaments), which can then expand once the dynamic and federative process is set in motion; 		
Explanatory statement (optional):	This amendment aims to improve and simplify, shorten and improve the analysis of the current situation.	

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	<p>impasse and the risk that the temptation to abandon the fight and postpone <i>sine die</i> the attempt to reform the European Union will prevail;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that, on October 18 2022, the General Affairs Council decided not to forward the Parliament's amendments to the European Council and not to notify the national Parliaments until the work of the Parliament on the issue of Treaty reform is completed; - that the European Parliament is currently confronted with this impasse.
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	<p>warns against illusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that renouncing the battle for a federal political Union today may create more favourable conditions in the near future - to overcome the obstacle posed by the resistance of many Member states to Treaty reform; - that in a European Union that is highly integrated and at the same time dominated by the political power of the Member states, the Conference of the Future of Europe succeeded in creating a framework for discussion and the elaboration of directions for the future of Europe that took control away from the governments and involved directly citizens and elected 	<p>stresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that the Conference on the Future of Europe launched in fact a process of a constituent nature. It created a framework for discussion and the elaboration of proposals on the future of Europe capable of involving citizens and elected representatives together, taking control of the debate away from governments: - how, therefore, the Convention requested by the European Parliament must be framed within this political perspective, both because it owes its legitimacy to the work of the CoFoE, and because it is an assembly in which the role of



5	Stefano Castagnoli, Luisa Trumellini, Claudio Filippi, Stefano Moscarelli, Marco Celli, Giulia Rossolillo, Matilde Ceron, Luca Lionello, Carlo M. Palermo, Massimo Malcovati, Sergio Pistone, Franco Spoltore, Valentina Maestri, Paolo Milanese, Pierangelo Cangialosi	
Line number(s):	105-115	
	Original text	Amended text
	representatives together; and the Convention, which is itself an assembly in which the role of national governments is greatly diminished, must be initiated on the basis of this legitimacy;	national governments is greatly reduced and therefore it becomes possible to conduct a political battle to bring out the need for a genuinely federal reform; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how crucial it is, therefore, not to give up on the prospect opened up by the Conference on the Future of Europe, and to urge the European Parliament to continue to fight courageously to achieve it, knowing full well that the obstacle constituted by the resistance of many member states to the reform of the Treaties can only be broken down by forcing governments to take sides.
Explanatory statement (optional):		

6	Antonio Argenziano	
Line number(s):	113	
	Original text	Amended text
	warns against illusion	Affirms
Explanatory statement (optional):	More coherent with the following text	

7	Antonio Argenziano	
Line number(s):	114-116	
	Original text	Amended text

<p>- that renouncing the battle for a federal political Union today may create more favourable conditions in the near future - to overcome the obstacle posed by the resistance of many Member states to Treaty reform;</p>	<p>that the battle for a federal political Union cannot be abandoned only because of the reluctance of some Member States to reform the Treaties</p>
Explanatory statement (optional):	reformulation

8	Antonio Argenziano		
Line number(s):	117-123		
Original text		Amended text	
<p>- that in a European Union that is highly integrated and at the same time dominated by the political power of the Member states, the Conference of the Future of Europe succeeded in creating a framework for discussion and the elaboration of directions for the future of Europe that took control away from the governments and involved directly citizens and elected representatives together; and the Convention, which is itself an assembly in which the role of national governments is greatly diminished, must be initiated on the basis of this legitimacy;</p>		<p>- that in a European Union that is highly integrated and at the same time dominated by the political power of the Member states, the Conference of the Future of Europe succeeded in creating a framework for discussion and the elaboration of directions for the future of Europe that took control away from the governments and involved directly citizens and elected representatives together;</p>	
Explanatory statement (optional):			

9	Antonio Argenziano		
Line number(s):	126-129		
Original text		Amended text	
<p>that in any case, the question that the European Union cannot evade is that of redefining itself on the basis of different levels of integration that reflect the will both of those states and peoples that wish to limit themselves to the current integration and of those that are in favour of establishing a political Union;</p>		<p>that in any case, the European Union need to redefine itself on the basis of different levels of integration reflecting the will of those governments that wish to limit themselves to the current integration and of those that are in favour of establishing a political Union;</p>	



9	Antonio Argenziano	
Line number(s):	126-129	
	Original text	Amended text
Explanatory statement (optional):	reformulation	

10	UEF-EB – Integration proposals	
Line number(s):	135 (delete and replace)	
	Original text	Amended text
	for a continent-wide debate on a new constituent process	to strengthen the constituent process through a continent-wide debate
Explanatory statement (optional):		

11	Antonio Argenziano	
Line number(s):	140-144	
	Original text	Amended text
	reiterates that the role of the federalists at this stage is to support the pro-European forces within the EP to continue the fight for the Convention, while also preparing for the 2024 European elections, which could offer the opportunity for a continent-wide debate on a new constituent process.	asserts that the UEF should keep supporting the European Parliament to continue claiming for a Treaty change process to be triggered. The Parliament should, in fact, starting from the outputs of the Conference on the Future of Europe, take a strong and symbolic initiative to open a Constitutional process, even without the European Council approval.
Explanatory statement (optional):		

12	Michele CIAVARINI AZZI, Pier Virgilio DASTOLI, Mireia ESTEVA, Christopher GLÜCK, Ivo KAPLAN, George KOLYVAS, Heinrich KÜMMERLE, Jean MARSIA, François MENNERAT, Michael MONTAG, Catherine VIEILLEDENT,	
Line number(s):	144-183	
Original text	Amended text	
<p>reiterates that the role of the federalists at this stage is to support the pro-European forces within the EP to continue the fight for the Convention, while also preparing for the 2024 European elections, which could offer the opportunity for a continent-wide debate on a new constituent process.</p> <p>In this regard, the FC of the UEF welcomes the achievements and the leadership of the European Parliament in the Conference and the resolutions of 4th May and 9th of June;</p> <p>welcomes the election of the UEF President Sandro Gozi as chairman of the Spinelli Group, a group of committed federalists who should lead the EP initiatives towards a Constitution</p> <p>stresses the importance of this opportunity at a strategic moment in the federalist battle, also in order to bring federalist demands and proposals into the debate on the reforms that the EP intends to prepare for the Convention;</p> <p>undertakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – to work at the European level through the Spinelli Group to get the EP to take initiatives drawing attention to the Council's legal and political duty to bring before the European Council the request to launch a Convention; these could also (but not exclusively) include initiatives involving the citizens who participated in the Conference and joint initiatives with national Parliaments; – in the national sections to set up Spinelli Groups and Intergroups for Europe in their respective parliaments, linked directly with the Spinelli Group in the EP also to converge in the call for a Convention; – to try to use the opportunity of the Spanish presidency to take the decision - if it has not already been obtained - on the Convention; – to work for the 2024 elections to be, in the 	<p>the Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists (UEF), meeting in Brussels, Belgium on 10 December 2022, proposes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In contrast to the stagnation of the member States' governments, the EP has the duty to discuss, to elaborate and to adopt a draft report establishing the main priorities of this reform in a constant dialogue with the European civil society and on the basis of the innovative instruments of the participatory democracy adopted by the CoFoE. 2. This draft report should be ready before the congresses of the European political parties and it has to be submitted to an extraordinary meeting of inter-parliamentary assizes in autumn 2023 during the Spanish presidency. 3. That draft report should be a crucial step to prepare a constituent process starting immediately after the European election of 2024, the lead role being assigned to the new elected EP. 4. At the end of this process a pan-European referendum should be organised to empower the role of the European citizens. <p>n order to improve its legitimacy, the European Parliament adopts, preferably before the 2024 elections, a European law setting the age for acquiring the right to vote, the electoral threshold, the voting system, and a criterion for equal representation of citizens, for example, for each region — state — canton, from 1 to 1,000,000 citizens or inhabitants, one Member of the European Parliament; from 1,000,001 to 2,000,000 citizens or inhabitants, two Members of the European Parliament; etc.</p>	



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Line number(s):	144-183	
	Original text	Amended text
	wake of this process, a moment of open and democratic debate on the re-foundation on federal bases of the European Union and on the need to arrive at a Constitution for a federal Europe, sovereign and democratic and to establish a genuine European democracy; proposes a new European Congress in the 75th Anniversary of the Hague Congress alongside the EMI for the European Civil Society.	
Explanatory statement:	This amendment aims to propose a realistic way to pave the way to a constituent role for the newly elected Parliament and the adoption of their European constitution by the European citizens.	

13	Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Alejandro Peinado García,	
Line number(s):	152-154	
	Original text	Amended text
	welcomes the election of the UEF President Sandro Gozi as chairman of the Spinelli Group, a group of committed federalists who should lead the EP initiatives towards a Constitution	Deletion
Explanatory statement (optional):		

14	Antonio Argenziano	
Line number(s):	156-159	
	Original text	Amended text
	stresses the importance of this opportunity at a strategic moment in the federalist battle, also in order to bring federalist demands and proposals into the debate on the reforms that the EP intends to prepare for the Convention;	deleted

Explanatory statement (optional):	It is a bit redundant
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15	UEF-EB – Integration proposals	
Line number(s):	after line 157 - addition	
	Original text	Amended text
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to request the AFCO Committee – and to support it together with the Spinelli Group - to prepare its new Report on the amendments on the Treaties as quickly as possible, and to include all the amendments (or a new Constitution with the same purpose) needed both to implement all the proposals of the Conference that require Treaty change and to provide the Union with adequate powers, also with regards to energy, foreign, security and defence policy to respond adequately to the geopolitical and energy crisis sparked by the Russian invasion of Ukraine
Explanatory statement (optional):		

16	Antonio Argenziano	
Line number(s):	167-169	
	Original text	Amended text
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in the national sections to set up Spinelli Groups and Intergroups for Europe in their respective parliaments, linked directly with the Spinelli Group in the EP also to converge in the call for a Convention; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the national sections to set up Spinelli Groups and Intergroups for Europe in their respective parliaments, linked directly with the Spinelli Group in the EP also to converge in the call for a Treaty change process towards a federal Europe, sovereign and democratic;
Explanatory statement (optional):		



17	UEF-EB – Integration proposals	
Line number(s):	from 168 (addition)	
	Original text	Amended text
		commits to explore the possibility to ratifying the new treaty in a pan-European referendum
Explanatory statement (optional):		

18	UEF-EB – Integration proposals	
Line number(s):	169-170 (delete and replace)	
	Original text	Amended text
	for the European Civil Society	with the goal to renew the federalist roadmap ahead the Convention
Explanatory statement (optional):		

19	Antonio Argenziano	
Line number(s):	170-171	
	Original text	Amended text
	to try to use the opportunity of the Spanish presidency to take the decision - if it has not already been obtained - on the Convention;	To use the opportunity of the Spanish presidency to relaunch the political momentum for a comprehensive reform of the Union;
Explanatory statement (optional):		



20	Antonio Argenziano	
Line number(s):	172-175	
	Original text	Amended text
	to work for the 2024 elections to be, in the wake of this process, a moment of open and democratic debate on the re-foundation on federal bases of the European Union and on the need to arrive at a Constitution for a federal Europe, sovereign and democratic and to establish a genuine European democracy;	to work right away for a campaign towards the 2024 elections to be, in the wake of this process, a moment of open and democratic debate on the re-foundation on federal bases of the European Union and on the need to attribute to the EP a constituent role to establish a genuine European democracy;
Explanatory statement (optional):		