

RESOLUTION OF THE UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE ON A UN ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

Adopted by the UEF Federal Committee in Rome on 24th November 2019.

The Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists, in reference:

- To the Resolution for a strong European voice in the UN (PC2) of 12th October, 2008;
- To the Resolution on re-launching Europe's foreign policy and defence policy adopted by the UEF Federal Committee on 14th June 2014 in Brussels;
- To the Resolution on the EU global strategy adopted by the UEF XXV European Congress on 12th June 2016 in Strasbourg;
- To the Resolution on the European dimension of education and culture adopted by the UEF Federal Committee on 24th April 2018 in Berlin;
- To the UEF Federal Committee Resolution on European Cultural Identity adopted on the 28-29th March 2011;

Having regard to:

- The formal launch of the Alliance of Civilizations of the United Nations on 14th July 2005 and the report of the High Level Group setting the fundamentals and political measures of the Alliance of Civilizations presented in November 2006;
- The United Nations Resolutions on the Alliance of Civilizations on the 10th November 2009 expressing its formal and political support to the initiative;
- The June 2015 UN Resolution acknowledging the UN Alliance of Civilizations as a tool to promote reconciliation and prevent conflicts and its role to prevent radicalisation and extremism;
- The growing members of the Group of Friends of the Alliance, formed by 119 countries, 26 international organisations, including the European Union, and its increasing links with civil society organisations;
- The 2008-2010 Action Plan on the Cooperation between the European Union and the Alliance of Civilizations with the goal to advance through concrete steps towards the promotion of human rights and political reform, media and access to information, intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity, including people to people contacts, immigration and integration, the role of civil society in prevention of polarisation and radicalisation.

Recognising:

- That peace is a precondition for social and ecological justice, freedom, democracy and human rights and is the fundamental value of the European Union;
- The contribution from the European federalist idea to the common background for fostering peace, multicultural and a cosmopolitan vision to unite the citizens all around the world;
- That active dialogue, at all levels of society, is the cornerstone of conflict prevention and the basis of closer links between communities, religions, cultures and civilisations;
- That there is a growing and concerning erosion of civic rights, basic liberties and fundamental rights at a global level;
- That European values have played a leading role in the promotion of democracy, civil rights and basic liberties at a global level, including in the Charter of the United Nations;
- That the European Union must urgently become a strong international actor via effective action through multilateral structures, formal and informal;

- That the growing polarisation at an international level calls for the reinforcement of multilateral structures and fora to strengthen dialogue at international level;
 - That the idea of an Alliance of Civilizations has a great potential for the development of a post-national citizenship and an internationalist feeling of belonging to a common global identity;
 - That Federalism is the only means by which peace can be secured and guaranteed in the longer term:
1. Supports the United Nation's Alliance of Civilizations, its goals, instruments and programmes, pledges to advance its aims and actively participate in the Alliance of Civilizations for a, especially where that work advances the cause of World Federalism;
 2. Asks the European policy makers, the European Parliament and the parliaments in all the EU's Member States to reaffirm their commitment to the advancement of intercultural and interfaith dialogue, cooperation between communities at a global level, and dedicate all the necessary efforts and funding to conflict prevention and to peace building;
 3. Recalls the strategic priorities of the Alliance of Civilizations in the field of youth, education, intercultural dialogue, media and migration and stresses their relevance for the stated agenda of the new 2019 European Commission and European Parliament;
 4. Asks to the European Commission to revise and update the Action Plan on the Cooperation between the European Union and the Alliance of Civilizations;
 5. Calls the European Commission to place special care in the revised action plan to devise strategies building synergies between education and intercultural understanding and migration;
 6. Celebrates the participation of the European Union on the 'Friends of the Alliance' group and calls for greater efforts in alignment and coordination of the initiatives of the members of the group;
 7. Asks European Institutions to host the 9th Alliance of Civilizations Forum, ensuring the political support of its conclusions;
 8. Stresses that a post-2020 European Internal Security Strategies aiming to combat terrorism and radicalisation should include synergies with the European education, culture and youth programmes, with a focus on population at risk of radicalisation;
 9. Urges the European Commission to put forward a new Action plan on integration including an education, culture, sport and youth approach making the most of the European Social Fund, Erasmus, Creative Europe and the European Solidarity Corps;
 10. Calls European policy makers to further engage in the development and implementation of the Alliance of Civilizations regional strategies for the Mediterranean, Latin America, Southeast Europe, and the Arab league by ensuring alignment and complementarity of the EU external action and the regional strategies;
 11. Calls the European Council and the European Commission to decisively advance in the implementation of the EU Strategy on external cultural relations and its endowment with adequate funding, particularly by developing its new people to people approach and without disregarding the civil society, both global and European; In collaboration with the World Federalist Movement reminds the European Union and the United Nations that it is important to give a Federalist perspective to their activities if peace is the goal;
 12. Further reminds that to do otherwise would be to neglect one of the founding virtues and beliefs of these two organisations, to create a Federal Union of the Free.