

Lettere allegate all'articolo i Antonio Longo sul numero 5/2020 de L'Unità Europea a pag. 5 "Il discorso sullo stato dell'Unione 2020, la Commissione risponde ad alcune istanze federaliste"

To Mrs. Ursula Von der Leyern President of the European Commission Berlaymont Palace - Bruxelles

Dear President,
Gallarate (VA), April 3, 2020

I am a European citizen, member of the Movimento Federalista Europeo (European Federalist Movement), founded by Altiero Spinelli in 1943 in Milan. The key-point of the Ventotene Manifesto



(1941) is clear: *The line of progress coincides with the creation of a solid international state as an instrument for achieving international unity.*

The European Council of 26th March has decided to not decide: it will be difficult that the national Ministers of Finance can act differently in the next week.

If each Country goes by its own way, the Union runs the risk of disintegration: in these circumstances the nationalism will strengthen. Mr Orban's Hungary shows it.

On the opposite, our Union needs the European interest strongly arise to face successfully the tragedy of a considerable economic downturn.

The European Commission is the EU institution with executive powers able to act according to the genuine interest of the European citizens, which coincides with the strengthening of the Union. Your "SURE" proposal goes in this direction.

Now, the first step towards the fiscal capacity of the European Union is on the table.

It is about choosing the first kind of Union Bond, autonomous compared with the national ones. It should be issued by "an EU Institution", as clearly indicated in the letter of nine Heads of Government/State.

The Commission has the authority to launch such a plan together with the European Investment Bank, if necessary.

It is a matter of acting on a specific point capable of changing the whole situation ("*porter immédiatement l'action sur un point limité, mais décisif*" – *Déclaration Schuman*).

The time to act is now.

The European Commission can present a concrete Union Bond plan to the Parliament: a strong majority will vote in favour for sure! And the Council is unlikely to reject your proposal.

Now is the time for courage and reason. It is again the time for "whatever it takes".

A new milestone toward the United States of Europe (your dream!) is necessary immediately. History will remember these moments.

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