

## Schuman 2.0 Declaration

*Ms. President von der Leyen, Mr. President Michel, Mr. President Sassoli, honored MEPs, ladies and gentlemen, people of Europe:*

*We, the people of the European Union meet today with you, dear MEPs, in an hour of grief and challenge for all of us as Europeans citizens.*

*The 28-EU we already knew is definitely dead. However, a new one 27-EU lives because the people of this great new "global country" make a stand for it. The "de facto solidarity" enshrined in the Schuman Declaration is a brilliant and warm light that we have followed during those hard times we lived all together in Europe since the end of IIWW.*

*It is not time of division, nor to be in the shade nor slept, but to become heralds of Rule of Law, Representative Democracy, Human Rights, Dignity of all men and women and above all, Unity and Solidarity for the common good.*

*We are proud to be part, more and more, of this European ideal because it is an accomplished peaceful and realistic dream of tolerance and reconciliation, freedom and prosperity.*

*As a result, we can firmly affirm that all European citizens are necessary for the new Europe. In particular, each of us is necessary to each other. All of us pursue the same expectations as human beings.*

*Europe is a cathedral, whose facade is worn. Each European in every single corner of this vast territory can restore the beauty of the original work. In fact, we must realize that the real cathedral is made of all of us and there is a special mortar named working friendship.*

*Father founding Robert Schumann said in his speech at the United Nations General Assembly, 3rd Session, 28<sup>th</sup> September 1948, that Europe must unite to survive. He said that the ideas of a federation and a confederation were being discussed and he was happy to see such concepts being taken up.*

*You, our representative assembly and conference of European public opinion, you have the responsibility to lead the people to a creative and new step in this ever closer Union.*

*This is our mandate as free people and before the generations to come. This is your main duty as representatives. To become new heralds acting as messengers and warriors for a united European republic based on our common diversity and heritage as well as our all deep desires and aspirations.*

*You should use all your imagination, adaptability, creativity, flexibility and capacity of fast reaction because the project is huge, and so the risks are.*

*Our hope is that the European Federation will be a new free State in this global world under the spirit of solidarity among Europeans. We, the Europeans, must act in unity of heart building those European society and European institutions that consider the sacred value of the person as the cornerstone of the new federation, under solidarity and subsidiarity. The entire world is looking at us.*

*Dear MEPs, people of Europe, commit yourself on a road that will allow us to find again Europe's place in the community of free nations, commencing with this Conference and commencing with step-by-step initiatives focused on future generations and greater democracy. For example, an educational programme at European level on European studies in schools. For example, the adoption of a single European constituency and transnational lists. For example, the promotion of popular legislative initiatives, to co-legislate with the European Parliament; and an even more innovative proposal, to make the Economic and Social Committee a body that co-legislates on an equal footing with the European Parliament, in certain matters, by increasing the representation of European social actors in it.*

*Ite, omnia accendite et inflammate.*

*Go, and set everything on fire.*

*Thank you very much,*

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