

A Schuman Declaration for the 21st Century.

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What are we? Are we nations? If we are nations, then what is a Nation? Symbols, Land, People or Institutions? Or are we Peoples? Then are we French or Italian, German or Czech, Polish or Greek? Or are these all words? Made by the minds of Humans to divide us, to categorise us?

When a wedge is put between us like Language or Culture, what do we do? Do we fight or do we find common ground. If the last 70 Years has taught us anything, then common ground is the only way forward.

So should we sacrifice this to the populists and the fascists? Shall we divide the world like our enemies want? To see a Europe not of Peace but of War. To be in endless, meaningless conflict over land, resources and politics. To see no more Phoenixes like the one that rose on the 9th of May 1950. Are we really heading to the end of these Phoenixes of Peace, of Prosperity and of Solidarity. Abandoning the ideals of Schuman and of Churchill. Abandoning a United States of Europe as Churchill proposed in 1946.

Do we want to see division, to see guns instead of doves. Fire instead of the Olive Branch?

But You cry we are many not one. And I reply that one is weak, many are stronger. My Nation was ripped apart by this idea, that Many are Strong and One is Weak. Many in my Nation want to go alone but are then unwilling to pick the vegetables, to pack the boxes, to run the factory that makes the soup that feeds the nation. Alone, my nation is suffering but we don't have to. Europe is Strong. Europe has Solidarity and Europe has Diversity. There are over 50 ways of Diversity. From The Cabo De Roca to Vladivostok, from Svalbard to Cyprus. In Croatian or Swedish, Norwegian or Greek. Our Solidarity is what brings us our Unity.

We rose from Wars and brought forth Peace. In 70 Years we have brought forth so much more, from the Euro to Schengen, the Freedom to Work to the Freedom to Study. We are so much more than our component parts. And that is why we need a Federal Europe. A Europe not of nations, each with their own ambitions and their own policies but one of United Ambition and United Policy.

It is a crime that the Fascists have reared their ugly heads, pushing through nationalist ideas contrary to our collective goals. Is it 1933 or is it 2020? We must decide. We must choose from Nationalism and Destitution or Unity and Prosperity.

We must choose to be One Europe.