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Dear Mr. Schäuble,

we read with interest your article in *Foreign Affairs* on Turkey's accession to European Union.

We share your worries about the political risks Europe is running and will even more so run after Turkey's accession. Nonetheless we doubt that the deepening of the European integration process could be successfully achieved in a Union of twenty five, soon twenty eight, member States, simply by creating a two circles Europe, with a *memberships'* Europe core surrounded by a *privileged partnerships'* circle. We fear that such a Europe would be as politically ineffective and economically declining as the present one, because it would not have any possibility to evolve towards an actual political union.

Unfortunately, after the adoption of the Maastricht Treaty, the European Union of the Fifteen has been incapable to build up such a political union. It is quite unreal to hope that the European Union of the Twenty five (Twenty eight), with or without the coming into force of the Treaty establishing the European Constitution (2009? 2014?), will be able to achieve that goal. At present any consolidation of the European Union is impossible, with or without Turkey's accession: we should not lay on Turkey the responsibility of a European failure.

The dilution of the European Union in a free trade area can be prevented only by relaunching the project to found a federal core inside the Union (a federation within the confederation), starting with a group of countries which should necessarily include Germany and France from the beginning. Only by applying the *avant-garde* method to the political field it is possible to save the European project

In other words, European leaders should act like you, with Mr Lamers, did in the Nineties to push forward the European single currency project. Then it was shown that the implementation of the monetary project depended only on the political will of a specific group of countries (the Six, with or without Italy).

Do Germany and France want, even in spite of the opposition of other European partners, to keep their faith in the commitment to establish a European federation as prospected in the Schuman Declaration?

That is the question the German and French political leaders should answer.

The future of Europe and that of the European citizens depend on that answer.

Mr. Schäuble, in the past your personal and courageous initiative paved the way for the creation of the European single currency. The federalists look forward to a similar courageous initiative to relaunch the project of the political union.

Yours truly

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