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By mail

Dear Mr. Scharping,

I read with great interest and satisfaction your article “*Non à un élargissement excessif?*”, published on *Le Figaro*, on 11 December 2004.

In particular, I cannot but agree when you state that Europe needs democratic and effective common institutions – not yet provided by the new “Constitutional Treaty” – in order to have a true foreign, defence and economic policy which would allow to share a world level responsibility with the US, China, Russia, India.

Common sense also suggests that such an objective cannot be realistically pursued by the 25 (28) members of the Union at one time. Actually only the brave initiative of a core group of countries could move to the last (and most difficult) step of the “European adventure” begun in 1950 by the six Founding Countries: to establish a Federation, a European federal State. It is commonly felt that those same countries still bear the responsibility to move first. We all experienced this also on the occasion of the dramatic final decision to introduce the Euro, in 1994, when Germany proposed to start with only five countries, in case the others had not been willing yet.

Accordingly, the European federalists did believe that the speech delivered by Herr Joschka Fischer at the Humboldt University, in 2000, were the beginning of such last move: so far it has not been. But we raised and are still carrying on a “Campaign for a European Federal State”, in different countries. This Campaign is based on an Appeal addressed to the governments of the six Founding Countries. Herewith enclosed you can find some sample of the Appeal in its postcard shape.

The initiative of a popular vanguard (the European federalists, active citizens, local councils) is necessary but it is not enough. The initiative of a vanguard of national governments is necessary too, in order to achieve the historical goal of the European political union. It is first up to you, the prominent members of the leading political parties, in the leading European countries, to give birth to this initiative. Echoing your clear words in the mentioned article we can say: “*la stratégie est claire*”, now it is time to “*travailler proprement*”.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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