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Dear Chancellor Merkel, Dear President Hollande, Dear Prime Minister Renzi,

We welcome strongly your decision to meet in Ventotene the 22nd of August in view of the Summit in Bratislava the 16th of September 2016.

You have the great responsibility to give the chance for a new European dream to European citizens.

As you know, Santo Stefano is the Island representing the Italian “Risorgimento” and Ventotene is the Island representing the idea of a United Europe founded on the principles of democracy, freedom and solidarity, an idea born during the Second World War to fight against Fascism and Nazism.

Speaking from Ventotene, it is very important that you will launch a common message remembering the roots and the values of our Europe when Euro-hostile movements are growing as the effect and not the cause of the European project crisis.

The European Movement believes that the content of this common message should be based on the following three main elements:

- 1) The respect of the principles of solidarity at European level towards the citizens, the Regions as well as towards the people fleeing from war, hunger and environmental disasters. The good answer could be a common act on a “social compact”;**
- 2) The internal and external security for the EU citizens through Federal instruments as a Single Public Prosecutor’s Office to fight against terrorism and international**

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- criminality and a Single Security and Defense Policy. The first one could be reached via an enhanced cooperation and the second one via a structured cooperation;**
- 3) The reform of the European system to transform the Union in a Political Community between the countries and the people ready to accept it but being a magnet for the others. The best method to assure a successful, transparent and democratic process lies in the role of an Assembly representing all the EU citizens and the best momentum lies in the 2019 European elections.**

Our democracies depend strictly on the capacity of European and national institutions to elaborate and adopt strong answers to the demands of our citizens.

We believe that only a united Europe could guarantee common goods having a transnational dimension. A true, supranational democracy resides in the capacity of the European system to guarantee these common goods.

You will win your national elections only if you will establish a synergy between your national responsibilities and the necessity to change the European system in a democratic, effective and political Community.

A delegation of the European Movement will be present in Ventotene on 22nd of August to express our strong engagement for a democratic and federal Europe inspired by the ideas of Altiero Spinelli, Ernesto Rossi, Eugenio Colorni, Ursula Hirschmann e Ada Montanari.

You will find in annexe the French (or German, or Italian) text of the “Manifesto di Ventotene”.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



Pier Virgilio Dastoli