



## For a Powerful Political Union

### Declaration of the EUCDW on the Occasion of the Brussels Summit

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The EUCDW continues to pursue its aim to develop the European Union from an economic union to a powerful political union.

Formally, the Union must remain a union of sovereign member states, without becoming a 'super-state'; however, it must also seek to be a union for its citizens.

The EUCDW recalls that in 2004 all heads of state and government approved the current wording of the EU Constitution. Therefore it criticises those members of the round who are now pleading for changes which could imply a significant weakening of a political, democratic union based on values.

Against this backdrop the EUCDW makes the following calls:

- That Part I of the Constitution remains unchanged concerning its content (except for the symbols which could be considered as signs of an independent European state);
- That the Union becomes identifiable through the Charter of Fundamental Rights as a Europe for its citizens, firmly founded on values; the Charter of Fundamental Rights must become legally binding;
- That in particular all elements strengthening the EU Parliament must be safeguarded, because this is the only way to reinforce democratic control at European level;
- That all elements strengthening national parliaments with a view to European policies must be safeguarded, because this is the way to ensure subsidiarity.

The EUCDW gives thanks to the EPP for its unwavering commitment to establishing a foundation of values on which to build the Union.

In particular, the EUCDW makes a call to all heads of state and government from member parties of the EPP to let themselves be guided by the EPP's clear and unmistakable resolutions.

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