SAVE THE EURO AND THE EUROPEAN UNION

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The “markets”, without order or ethics, based on speculation, are destroying the euro and the European Union. We must react, changing our model.

The world as a whole is adrift. The United Nations has been replaced by groups of plutocrats (G-7, G-8 and G-20) that intend for the wealthiest nations to govern all mankind. Disaster is on the horizon. A multiple (financial, economic, political, social, food, environmental) crisis has prompted widespread uncertainty. Each day 4,000 billion dollars are spent on weapons while over 60,000 people die from hunger. The West must rapidly change its economic system. After the fiasco of rescuing financial institutions, we must emulate the U.S.’s policies to overcome the present situation: injecting funds for public works and production incentives, and a progressive schedule for reducing the accumulated deficit.

To correct the present speculative tendencies, in his book about Europe’s decline Richard Youngs proposes a European Union that is more open, international and universal in its values. The European Union is on the brink, as Jacques Delors, Helmut Schmidt and Helmut Kohl all agree. Helmut Schmidt, in his speech in the SPD Congress of December, 2011, stated: “In economy, the commercial surpluses of Germany, similar by its turnover to those of China, are inseparable of the deficit of the others”. We, the Europeans, must realize that the countries of the South of Europe are essential for the European distinctive values.
We need the Euro for the European cohesion and not for weakening and dividing us. We need an economic European Government that determines a general European policy of interest in regard to infrastructures, research and development, common defence, etc. We need a Central Bank that integrates in its statutes the targets of employment and growth and having the authority to issue currency, to create Eurobonds. These are the essential conditions for the construction of a real political Europe.

It is indispensable above all to reinforce European democracy without allowing it to be distorted by speculative markets, corruption and “bubbles”. The euro zone union will be jointly shared and maintain solidarity among the States that have voluntarily joined it or it will fall apart, leading to new conflicts. It is essential and urgent to do away with tax havens and rating agencies, which provide the means for speculation, corruption and criminal trafficking. It is in times of serious crisis such as the present one that ethical values must prevail and speculators must be punished.

In a recent article in “Política Internacional” Christian D. Brisseu declared that “the exaggerated financial turmoil should not obscure the real challenge facing Europe: slow growth and massive unemployment”. Europe should not be “re-founded” by two great powers, keeping an eye on the markets and designing an economic government, but rather it should be guided by the democratic principles for which it is known and that all member states without exception respect.

It is absolutely essential that the European peoples understand that in order to safeguard their collective future –and the future of their children and grandchildren– saving the European Union and the euro cannot be delayed. It is therefore urgent to raise all reasonable voices and pressure our present leaders by peacefully demonstrating our serious discontent and disagreement with the situation in which
they have left Europe, so lacking in strategy and ethical guides, and scream
"Enough!" It is urgent to change policies to avoid catastrophe.

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