

Brussels, July 5th 2005

LETTER TO THE HEAD OF STATE AND PRIME MINISTER

Sir,

Concern : Follow-up European Council of June 2005.

The Permanent Forum of the Civil Society considers the European Council of June 2005 has been the council of the « **dubble shame** » . **Shame** seeing our leaders decreeing a « **Peoples'pause** », without having the the courage saying it, and these same leaders being unable to define an agenda in order to face the current challenges. **Shame** – as the President Juncker said himself - to see the 10 new country members, the poorest, beeing more European than the most affluent countries.

Considering the lack of courage as well as the lack of vision, the Council has collectively demonstrated, we hope some governments are still open to find a new dynamic with the civil society and we ask to your government as well as all the governments of the other Member States to answer the two following questions sothat the organisations of the civil society can evaluate the chances for relaunching the European Community process :

1. Is your government in favour of organising a pan-European simultaneous referendum/consultation to adopt any new treaty including the Constitutional treaty ? Such pan-European referendum wmuld shape an “european public space”, and allow European Citizens to exercise their sovereign right.
2. Is your government in favour of considering to limit the European Constitution to parts I, II, the titles I et II of part III, part IV (revised to have a more flexible revision process) of the current project ? The provisions enshrined in the titles III, IV and V of part III of the existing Constitutional Treaty would become an “European framework law” to be adopted by co-decision (these would neither be part of the Constitution nor subject to a pan-European referendum) ?

On the basis of the received answers, the organisations of the Forum will propse new forms of citizen actions during a press conference in September. Thank you for the attention you will draw to this letter, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

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