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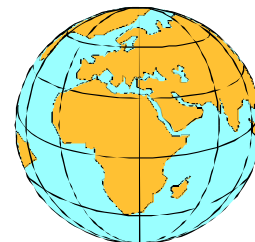
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social security by taxing the consumption of goods,
which most often are produced by machine.”**

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We want to make blow a new wind of optimism on the European Union. The book "Plan B", just recently published with Editions LABOR a series of proposals for a roadmap 2006-2009 proposed to the June- European Council.

The book has been sent (amongst others) to the 25 Ministers of Foreign Affairs and to the 25 Ambassadors member of the Coreper group, hoping it would inspire them when meeting in Klosterneuburg.

The 'Plan B' proposals will make it possible to change the context before improving the text of the constitutional treaty, create a new lively spirit and cause optimism again. The continuation of the European dream is possible as from 2006, if we are ready to change mental scheme, dare new paradigms and leave the TINA (TINA for "There is no alternative") scenario that led us in the dead end.

The first sign of change must be given by the European Council of June 2006.

This Council must put questions, inspiring itself by the method used in the declaration of Laeken of December 2001, define new milestones and fix a new time-table that allows the whole European

society to innovate. Considering the lack of answer given so far to the questions raised by the "No" vote expressed by two Member States, President Barroso stated, on March 19, 2006, that one should "extend the period of reflection". Three very clear points arise from hearings on the "constitutional crisis", which were organised in April 2006 on the initiative of the European Parliament :

1. The prolongation of the reflection period beyond June 2006 cannot be synonymous with an "empty time" such as that observed since the beginning of this period.
2. There will be no exit of the crisis without "innovation" in terms of governance.
3. One must imperatively create new mechanisms of governance, which allow participatory democracy to progress. This is necessary to create a new context likely to overcome the current crisis.

The Permanent Forum of European Civil Society, of which the authors of the Book "Plan B" are members, agrees for a continuation of the reflection period, but we expect from the European Council of June 2006 that it ensures a time-table until 2009, i.e. a roadmap that includes :

1. The "Estates-General of Networks' Europe" - to be called together as of September 2006 for at least 10 months and before tackling again the text of the constitutional treaty that at least two Member States did not ratify - in order to allow all societal operators of the European Union to agree on what they want to construct together and define the conditions of a Societal Contract for a flourishing economy and a society of well-being for all.
2. The capacity for further enlargement must be put in question, we propose to hold a conference in Istanbul in January 2007, the "Three Seas Alliance" (Black Sea, Caspian Sea and Mediterranean Sea - forming a new form of Olympic ring - with 2010 as its horizon, when the four main agenda topics will be energy and water, a free and sustainable trade zone, human rights and young people, with tools such as the budgets to implement- neighbourhood policy.
3. The "Declaration of Interdependence" of the European citizens whose project should be presented in Rome in March 2007 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome.
4. A Third Convention, to be called together as from second half of 2007, to improve the constitutional treaty on the basis of the conclusions that will result from the Estates-General of Networks' Europe and, more particularly, of the new indicators that will be proposed to measure societal progress.
5. A "public expression of opinion" by all European citizens on the revised constitutional treaty, which should be organized in June 2009 at the same time all over the Union.

Sincerely yours,

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