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Europe needs a more peaceful and integrated world

The World Federalist Movement and the Union of European Federalists gathered at the European Parliament to celebrate the Montreux Declaration of 1947

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The World Federalist Movement and the Union of European Federalists celebrated today the 75th anniversary of the Montreux Declaration, a call for a world federation drafted at the occasion of the first international congress of the “World Movement for World Federal Government” in 1947.

In light of the worldwide challenges we are faced with, among them the climate crisis, the war in Ukraine, migration, the fragile post-COVID recovery and the food and energy crisis, today’s event was of the utmost importance.

Gathered in the European Parliament—the House of European democracy and the only transnational permanent parliament in the world—the delegates of a dozen countries discussed the future of European and worldwide federalism.

Sandro Gozi, President of the UEF and Member of the European Parliament said: “*Federalism unites people and preserves freedom. To avoid the world being governed by the G2 between Washington and Beijing, Europe must first go through a serious political reform of its own.*”

Fernando Iglesias, Co-President of the WFM said: “*75 years after the Montreaux declaration, the cooperation between European and world federalists is more necessary than ever. The succes of the European model shows that transnational democracy and federalism are possible. The world needs Europe. All the European crises are not European, but global. Europe needs a more peaceful and integrated world.*”

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The two organisations reiterated the need for international collaboration and unity. The statement that concludes the celebration quotes the original Montreux Declaration: “*The world federalists are convinced that the establishment of a world federal government is the crucial problem of our time.*”

The federalist community called, in its statement, “*Great power [to] strive to develop a federal [...] system.*” They remark that the 75th-anniversary celebration of the Montreux Declaration marks an additional step towards the global recognition of commonly-agreed rules for relations between states.

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