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**To the President of European Commission Ursula Von Der Leyen
To the President of European Parliament – David Sassoli
To the President of European Council - Charles Michel
To the member of European Parliament and all groups**

Dear President and Members of European Parliament,

For many citizens of the European Union, the formidable challenge of the coronavirus pandemic is putting the meaning of the existence of the Union itself and its institutions to the test; it is in difficult times - and this is crucial - that it is shown whether governance models are valid and effective or should be changed. For this reason, given the seriousness of the situation, European citizens hope that European Union leaders will be faithful to the principles of solidarity and trust, which inspired its foundation and, together with the leaders of the Member States, guide their action. Therefore, decisions must be taken in favor of the common good and in the interests of the whole Union as the resources and needs are of a collective concern.

In this context, as New Humanity NGO and Political Movement for Unity, founded by Chiara Lubich, we thank you for the measures already taken. A few days from the Eurogroup meeting, delegated by the European Council to identify appropriate and common proposals among states, we encourage these kinds of decisions to tackle the recession imposed by the pandemic.

We believe that it is necessary to make a meaningful step in the historical process of integration initiated by the founding fathers Adenauer, De Gasperi, Schumann, Spaak, Monnet, Spinelli and the founding mothers Stein, Weil, Zambrano, Lubich. On the occasion of Europe Day in 2002, Chiara Lubich launched a proposal that we would like to share for its urgent relevance at present: “The unity of Europe today calls on European politicians to interpret the signs of the time and further to make **a pact of fraternity** between them, which commits them to consider themselves as members of the European homeland as of the national one, always seeking what unites us and finding together the solutions that still stand in the way of the unity of Europe.

The political, economic, social and cultural unity of the European Union will be defined by the global action and geopolitical response to the colossal challenge posed by the 2020 pandemic.

Moreover, it is a matter of justice to appeal to the generosity of the European Union beyond its borders, on behalf of other countries with less health and economic resources to cope with the pandemic. This will serve to form a bridge of solidarity and a spirit of brotherhood, which was already in the founders' vision: a united Europe open to a universal perspective; a Europe united for a united world.

We have confidence you will make the necessary decisions in this direction. For the good of Europe and the world, we thank you for your responsible investment.



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