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### **AN OCEAN OF EUROPEAN FLAGS BEFORE MAY'S LETTER**

The best and the most numerous celebration of the happy (no matter how bad it sounds to the chronic pessimists) 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome did not take place in that city, nor in Madrid, but in London! Who could even imagine that to happen a few years ago?

Nevertheless, the referendum on June 23rd, 2016, and the radicalness used in Donald May's interpretation (you know, Theresa Trump's friend) have made possible something one-time seemingly Utopian: millions of British citizens are actively opposing to the Downing Street's policy in order to brutally take the UK out of the EU.

With the letter to trigger Article 50 today, March 29th, Boris Johnson, Michael Gove, Nigel Farage and all the yellow press of the country will finally be able to raise a toast for the beginning of a process that, once completed, will definitely cause serious harm to the British citizen as well as the rest of the Europeans. With no doubt, the European Union should be firm when negotiating with the extremist Brexiters, at the same time fully aware of that nothing is irremediable, even the United Kingdom's departure.

The EU has many and strong allies in the islands, starting from a 48.11% of the voters who chose to remain in the EU, including almost the young people, those leaving in the cities, the Scot and the Northern Ireland people. Also, millions of communitarian citizens who are living and working in the United Kingdom, as well as the Spaniards who had joined protest march in London under a marvellous banner stating that "you should not treat human beings as a currency exchange", referring to May's decision of holding them as hostages in the negotiations.

It is time to raise voice along with them in order to denounce the hypocrisy of a Government that, by gripping the referendum, it makes the oldest Parliament of the world unable to involve in the final result of the process, and the others unable to comment, to resist by all means to a second consultation.

It is time for us to show solidarity with the British pro-European who are fighting a tough battle against the intransigence and the demagogy, against the nightmare of Daily Mail and its colleagues, and against the injustice of populism.

I believe that we should not throw in the towel in the combat so that the British people keep staying in the European common house. Especially I am convinced of that the year of 2017 will culminate as well as it has been so far to the Netherlands, followed later on by France and Germany. Given that, it will launch a positive balance composed of solid Europeanist Governments, which allows the community to go in depth in the process of building a Federal Europe.

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