

Monsieur le Président de la République
Son Excellence Emmanuel Macron
Palais de l'Élysée
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Dear Mr. President,

The functioning of systems at institutionalized IO's, IL, nongovernmental (international) organizations and forums for informal discussions to foster closer cooperation and dialogue, as well as those for the purpose of education, shows severe shortcomings and gaps, resulting in discontent, misery and war.

Autocratic leaders took advantage of the disruptions, used fabrications and threats to gain more power. The free world should no longer turn a deaf ear to that. We live on a continent of greatness. We must force ourselves to awake and to take appropriate action to balance different interests and to prevent major devastation, develop practical methodologies for new beginnings, launch an impressive offensive to put our common strength on the map and to affirm our cause.

I am aware of some of initiatives to guarantee our future: **re-establishing a sovereign, united, democratic Europe**, the meeting with 30 intellectuals to talk about challenge of liberal democracy and its values (**Fight for Europe - or the wreckers will destroy it**), founding **Brussels Institute for Geopolitics** (BIG) and **a European Political Community** (EPC), **many efforts to achieve peace** and the renewal of the deep connections between France and the United Kingdom to improve relationship (**UK-France Joint Leaders' Declaration**, 10 March 2023).

Connected since the end of 2004, the Nexus Institute took me on paths that still lead me today beyond destinations, locations, people and ideas, working to resolve major challenges through dialogues and profound thinking. To name a few:

- **Centre for European Policy Studies**;
- **Initiatives of Change International**, based in the village of Caux (legacy Jean Monnet, Frank Buchman);
- a former Head of your Cabinet, due to **the tragic events of January 2015**, who replied to my letter to Monsieur Hollande, making me able to give as consolation a copy of the reply to one of the widows, present during a The Atlantic event in DC;
- **Stephen B. Young from Caux Round Table for Moral Capitalism**, from whom I received a copy of your letter with a personal handwritten note, concerning his book 'Moral Capitalism';
- a design and distribution of the brochure '**A Roadmap for the EU' - Europe has a territory, what now?**

We must be determined and strengthen our resilience and imagination. Let us participate full in the world and continue to fight against this age of evil, obscurantism, apathy and ignorance and affirm our cause: the very essence of the values and to live in freedom, peace and justice.

Yours sincerely,

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