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European People's Party

FEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

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OUR GUIDELINES FOR EUROPE

The aim of the EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (Federation of Christian-Democratic Parties of the European Community) is European unity. This represents an extension of the successful policy adopted by the Christian-Democratic statesmen, Robert SCHUMAN, Alcide DE GASPHERI and Konrad ADENAUER, who laid the foundations for what has already been achieved. We are accordingly firmly resolved, by the creation of a European union, to continue and complete this historic undertaking, the political aim of which is a Federation of Europe, as proposed by Robert SCHUMAN on 9 May 1950.

We have put an end to the conflicts between our peoples which led to the Second World War. Guided by our Christian ideal, as exemplified in the 'European Manifesto' and 'World Manifesto', we aim to continue along the same road and to give the unity of Europe a form which will eliminate the threat posed by the totalitarian powers and allow Europe to fulfil, at world level, its joint responsibility for the maintenance of human dignity.

Only by joint action can Europe safeguard its own personality (its identity), its right of self-determination, and hence its ideals of freedom, solidarity, justice, peace and democracy.