

The UEF FC, held in Brussels on April 17-18 2015, welcomes President Juncker's *plaidoyer* for a European army and share the worries of all those people who are aware that the Europeans need their own supranational army to help address the international security problems, otherwise they will not be "taken entirely seriously" as an international force

Recalls that

- "the European Union will not be the global actor it aspires to be unless its states makes a more serious political commitment to developing common foreign, security and defence policies" (UEF Manifesto);
- the EU Member States haven't yet shown the political will to deepen unity – indeed, not even to deepen an effective and genuine coordination and cooperation – in the field of the foreign and security policies.

Reminds that

in order not to disregard the course of the European integration process and to set at defiance the accumulated experience – and failures - of our history, federalists must underline that to establish an effective European army, means at least:

- to transfer the national defence *sovereignty*, that is to say to create a federal union — decentralised certainly and with national competences in the security field, being federal, but within which the capacity to make decisions is not divorced from the power to implement them;
- to establish a command of a European General Staff, initially made up of the Chiefs of the General Staff and of other high-ranking officials from each of the countries, answerable to a European authority;
- to pool in a common European/*ad hoc* budget the national defence budgets

Reaffirms

The European federalists committment in promoting initiatives to mobilize the public opinion and make pressure on the political classes and leaders to establish a European defence which be credible, supranational, and able to contribute to build a more peaceful and just world.