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Motion

Proposer:

Title: Distancing ourselves from Far-right and Radical-right organisations and individuals (FROIs).

Motion text

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Preamble

JEF Europe,

having regard to the Ventotene Manifesto and the Hertenstein declaration, having regard to the Statutes of JEF Europe,

having regard to the Code of Conduct of JEF Europe,

whereas:

A. The Federalist movement historically emerged during the Second World War in opposition to Nazism and fascism;

B. Contemporary far-right political parties, in some cases, continue to reproduce elements of fascist ideology, rhetoric and symbolism;

C. Political institutions, notably the European Parliament, have developed the practice of the cordon sanitaire, consisting of refusing cooperation, contact or alliances with far-right parties and groups within parliamentary institutions;

16 D. Far-right parties have sought to circumvent this practice through strategies
17 of 'normalisation' (also referred to as 'de-demonisation'), aimed at occupying
18 public debate and moderating their rhetoric to appear acceptable to the general
19 public, the media and institutions;

20 E. Such strategies, while effective in institutional terms, do not alter the
21 fundamentally exclusionary and harmful ideological core of these movements;
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23 F. Far-right thinkers and ideologues have increasingly sought to appropriate the
24 European project, including Dominique Venner and Alain de Benoist, and whereas
25 these ideas have been taken up by far-right and radical-right political parties
26 as part of their European-level normalisation strategies;

27 G. This development has already had concrete consequences within the European
28 Parliament, where the EPP has formed coalitions with PpE, ESN and ECR to adopt
29 some amended proposals in spite of the mainstream coalition partners (S&D,
30 Renew, the Greens).

31 H. Additional organisations, currently marginal, have been established to
32 promote ideas associated with Dominique Venner without explicitly acknowledging
33 their ideological origins;

34 I. One such organisation was the former JEF Lithuania interest group that
35 referenced to federalism with euro-nationalist concepts, notably the notion of a
36 so called 'layered identity' (region–nation–Europe) defining belonging to a
37 'European civilisation', and reflecting an essentialist vision of Europe based
38 on ethnic differentiation rather than civic equality;

39 J. Other similar organisations may seek in-person and online contact with JEF
40 Europe, its sections and its partners, under the guise of purportedly federalist
41 and/or pro-european advocacy;

42 K. JEF Europe and its sections must not confer public legitimacy or
43 institutional access upon organisations whose values are incompatible with those
44 of the movement;
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46 L. Whereas JEF Europe aims to play its part in fighting and countering the rise
47 of the Far-right, joining or forming broad alliances against it with the aim of
48 preventing it from ever gaining political leadership in Europe;

49 M. JEF Europe, as a non-party organisation, applies the principle of
50 transpartisanship in order to engage with all political actors, while excluding

cooperation with actors whose values are incompatible with its own;

JEF Europe therefore:

Article 1: Definitions and scope

1. Defines, for the purposes of this resolution, operational criteria for the following political currents:

- **Nationalism:** The willingness of a social group to form a common political community. Originally an idea from the French revolution, that is focused on the equality between citizens, it nowadays often implies the superiority of said nation over others.

- **Far right:** Political movements that want to focus politics around a set, and therefore, unpluralistic, identity.

- **Antisemitic, racist, and other inegalitarian movements** that build themselves around the belief that one group of people is unequal to other groups

- **Authoritarian, and therefore undemocratic groups,** may they be left or right or neither of the two

2. Decides for the purpose of the present Resolution to call the above-mentioned organisations as Far-right and Radical-right organisations and individuals (FROIs). 3. Decides to cease and refrain from all partnerships with organisations that:

- (a) Consistently or frequently promote ideas manifestly associated with FROIs; or

- (b) adopt attitudes or ideologies manifestly incompatible with the Code of Conduct of JEF Europe.

4. Decides that the identification, monitoring and classification of FROIs shall be coordinated by the Federal Committee, as precised in Article 4 of the present Resolution.

Article 2: Political activities and campaigns of JEF Europe

4. Decides that JEF Europe, its Secretariat and the members of its governing

bodies shall not directly cooperate in any activity involving one or more FROIs.

5. Considers that such activities include, inter alia:

(a) demonstrations and political events;

(b) conferences, debates, round tables or other forms of exchange;

(c) meetings with elected representatives, institutional partners or civil society organisations;

(d) internal and external communication activities;

(e) any other activity liable to affect the public image of JEF Europe, its sections or its members.

6. Decides that all forthcoming campaigns shall prioritise the fight against the far right and that the participation of the JEF in collaborative campaigns shall be conditional upon compliance with this requirement.

6a. Calls on JEF Europe to coordinate national campaigns against the far-right on a European level, including those by other organizations.

Article 3: Political activities and campaigns of the sections

6. Encourages the sections of JEF Europe to apply the principles set out in this resolution at national and local level;

7. Strongly advises sections not to cooperate with:

(a) representatives of FROIs, their local chapters or affiliated entities;

(b) individuals or organisations not identified as FROIs but whose ideology is manifestly incompatible with the political platform or Code of Conduct of JEF Europe.

8. Calls on sections to raise awareness among their members of the importance of this resolution through training activities, structured discussions or dedicated events;

(b) individuals or organisations not identified as FROIs but whose ideology is manifestly incompatible with the political platform or Code of Conduct of JEF Europe. 8. Calls on sections to raise awareness among their members of the importance of this resolution through training activities, structured discussions or dedicated events; 9. Strongly encourages sections, in accordance with their own Codes of Conduct and internal procedures, to engage in structured dialogue with any member who has established links with an organisation listed in Annex I.

(c) calls on the sections to contribute to campaigns against the far-right within their countries, including those by other organizations.

Article 4: Implementation and enforcement

10. Tasks the Task Force "Fighting Nationalism" - or in case of its dissolution the Presidium of the Federal Committee - to provide implementation recommendations to the Executive Board if deemed necessary, which shall contain:

a. Define which organisations and individuals are associated with FROIs;

b. Monitor FROIs activities;

c. Develop political and advocacy tools to address FROIs;

d. Alert members who are approach by and/or share FROIs content particularly in the event that the association isn't known;

e. Conduct any activities, within the limit of the JEF statutes, to ensure the correct enforcement of the present Resolution.

11. Entrusts the Executive Board to:

a. Distance themselves from any FROIs identified by the Federal committee; b. Enforce, in a joint effort with the FC, the present resolution;

c. Inform sections upon the decisions taken in the framework of the present resolution;

d. Inform a section whose member(s), despite attempts at educating the person(s) in question, continue to associate and share FROI content;

139 **12. Deems the Arbitration board relevant to solve any inter-personal and/or**
140 **statutory issue related to the present resolution.**