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JEF Europe,

- Affirming its commitment to disseminate federalist perspectives on European and international affairs;

- Highlighting the need for a European-wide public sphere as a key building block of a well functioning European-level democracy;

- Honouring the long history of JEF's magazine, from paper editions of The New Federalist published from the 1970s, to the web magazine launched by JEF France in 2005;

- Proud of the achievements of the JEF web magazines, today available in six languages and providing an additional multilingual space for articles in other languages [1];

- Recognising the work of national and local JEF sections which run their own magazines outside the multilingual JEF web magazine platform;

- Acknowledging that magazines published by JEF offer a platform for aspiring journalists, and enable JEF volunteers to enhance their journalistic skills and level of reflection on European affairs;

● Recognising the academic value of the web magazine, as evidenced by citations of the magazine's articles in academic papers and research work on EU affairs;

● Convinced that the JEF web magazine is one of the leading and most well-established youth led platforms for commentary and journalism on EU affairs;

● Committed to ensuring a prominent role for the JEF web magazine in the organisation's work and external communications;

● Recognising the need for a clear organisational framework and allocation of responsibilities between JEF Europe and the national sections regarding the management of the web magazine;

● Noting that the management of a language edition of the web magazine involves tasks such as ensuring that the edition has one or more active Editors, assuming legal responsibility for the contents published by the edition, and offering capacity-building support for the edition;

● Recognising that JEF Europe has particularly exercised leadership in managing the English language edition of the web magazine, whereas other language editions might have different kinds of relations with their JEF section of reference;

● Committed to preserving the editorial independence of all editions of the web magazine;

● Convinced of the benefits of close cooperation between the language editions of the web magazines, taking forms such as mutual translation of articles, sharing of resources, and joint editorial initiatives;

[1] English (The New Federalist), French (Le Taurillon), German (Treffpunkteuropa), and Italian (Eurobull), Finnish/Swedish (Tähdistö).

JEF Europe therefore,

1. Assumes the responsibility for providing organisational and management support for the English language edition of the web magazine;

2. Recognises that every other language edition has an editorial board which holds responsibility for the functioning of the edition, and that this board might be linked, with different rules or practices, to a national or local JEF

section of reference. Where needed, JEF Europe may exchange with these sections on issues related to the editions;

3. Encourages the participation of national and candidate JEF sections in countries where the language of an existing language edition is widely spoken in the management of the language editions, subject to an agreement between the sections concerned;

4. Recognises that the JEF Europe President should act as the responsible party regarding the English language edition of the web magazine, thereby holding legal responsibility for the publication;

5. Tasks each language edition to define and publicly communicate its policy for the assignment of legal responsibility for the contents published in the editions, where appropriate with the support of the national sections supporting the editions and in line with the jurisdiction applying to the language edition;

6. Requests that at the beginning of every even year, a meeting of all the representatives of the language editions will review the status of the publishing software and the social media platforms, discussing possible changes, and working in partnership with the JEF Europe Executive Board - and in particular, the Treasurer - to implement said changes.;

7. Agrees that a section or group responsible for the management of a language edition may, after giving reasonable advance notice, delegate the responsibility to JEF Europe;

8. Acknowledges that JEF France currently holds the technical management of the web platform and that, due to being out of date and difficult to update, JEF Europe will investigate the feasibility of moving to a new web platform;

9. Resolves that the decisions on the appointment and dismissal of the Editorial Board of the English language edition should be made by the JEF Europe Executive Board, acting in consultation with the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English language edition and, where appropriate, the JEF Europe Secretariat;

10. Specifies that the selection of the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English language edition should follow an open and transparent application process;

11. Tasks the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English language edition with

82 interviewing for the Editorial Board of the edition;

83 12. Acknowledges that the Editor(s)-in-Chief of the English language edition
84 possess editorial independence and responsibility regarding the management of
85 the day-to-day affairs of the edition;

86 13. Commits to appoint a point of contact from within the Executive Board of JEF
87 Europe which will be responsible for communication and coordination between JEF
88 Europe and the English language edition;

89 14. Advises the sections or groups responsible for the other language editions
90 to define the procedures for appointing and dismissing the Editor(s)-in-Chief
91 and the editorial boards of their respective language editions, in cases where
92 such a procedure is not already in place;

93 15. Requests the sections responsible for the other language editions to inform
94 JEF Europe of the contact details of their edition's Editor(s)-in-Chief;

95 16. Calls for Editors-in-Chief of the language editions to maintain consistent
96 lines of communication, and to organise periodical meetings to discuss the
97 cooperation between the language editions, facilitated by JEF Europe where
98 appropriate;

99 17. Resolves that decisions on the creation of a new language edition should be
100 made by the national or candidate section of the country/countries where the
101 language is widely spoken, jointly with JEF Europe,
102 taking into consideration the views of the Editors-in-Chief of all the language
103 editions;

104 21. Decides that where the section responsible for the edition is unable to
105 carry out the tasks related to the management of the language edition, JEF
106 Europe may take on the tasks, while keeping the section informed, or agree to
107 close it down;

108 22. Commits to continuing its work to identify and offer capacity-building
109 opportunities, including project funding, designed to promote the development of
110 the web magazine;

111 23. Notes that the language editions of the web magazine have the possibility to
112 share announcements via JEF Europe's internal and external communication
113 channels, including JEF newsletters and social media communications;

- 114 24. Encourages JEF sections to promote the opportunity to read and contribute to
115 the web magazine, and to foster connections between the editorial team members
116 of the language editions, the wider JEF membership, and young people at large;
- 117 25. Commits to involve the language editions, as appropriate, where JEF Europe
118 becomes aware of an editorial collaboration opportunity with a partner.