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Resolution

European Union deserves the Nobel Peace Prize

For more than 50 years the European Union has played a significant role in preventing war, securing peace and promoting prosperity between an increasing numbers of European states. It is time for the EU to be acknowledged for its contribution.

According to Alfred Nobel, the founding father of the Nobel Peace Prize, the prize should be awarded to those who have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding of peace congresses.

Since the Schuman Plan Declaration on the 9th of May 1950, different European countries have, through what has become the European Union, systematically worked to unify Europe through principles that counteract major causes of war and with peaceful means. This implies the legal definition of community interests, common values based on human rights, democracy and the rule of law, as well as a general prohibition against discrimination on grounds of nationality.

One of the major achievements of the European Union is that Europe now is experiencing the longest period of peace between some of its member states ever recorded.

The European Union's political philosophy is driven by solidarity- and cohesion policies, implies an extensive redistribution of wealth as well as social and regional inclusion. These elements serve as major stabilization factors and as a premise for securing peace.

The current economic developments in the EU represent a major threat to social and political stability in Europe and thus a real threat to the union as a significant peace project. The European Union needs at this particular moment, to be acknowledged for its major contribution the peace and prosperity in Europe in a period that exceeds more than 50 years.

Receiving the Peace Prize would contribute to maintaining the moral and political strength needed for the Union to work its way out of the crisis in order to continue to develop its European integration project that has proven to be such a major success in preserving peace in Europe.

Therefore, the Federal Assembly of the European Movement International, meeting in Brussels on 25-26 May 2012, asks the Board, the Secretariat and the Members to actively promote the European Union as a Nobel Peace Prize candidate in 2013.