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HOW TO SAVE THE EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION

Though the future of the global community seems to me not trouble-free, but not extremely worrisome. However, at least one part of this community – once the most flourishing and attractive for all the rest – needs to be saved.

The vectors of changes, if we use the terms of this Likhachov Scientific Conference organizers, blowing in this part of the human civilization, are evidently evil and pernicious.

I am speaking about Europe.

Currently, hardly anybody doubts that Europe and the European civilization are on the verge of collapse. Just 10–15 years ago very few people said about that, me including, by now this conviction has become nearly universal.

Unfortunately, the rescue recipes that sound most loudly in "Europe" itself (Europe minus Russia) are either unintelligent or hopeless and having no prospects because of their neoliberal dogmatism, i.e. their being antinational, directed against people.

Sure, Russia can't save "Europe" without its sobering up itself – the suicidal syndrome of that "Europe" has become too strong today. But it seems that the chance has not been lost yet. It's possible and it's necessary to try to sober "Europe" up.

The recently published by me Europe Saving Charter is such an attempt. These theses were compiled based on it.

In order to save Europe (European civilization) as we know, value and love it, it's required to review everything that may be referred to the European policy in the broad sense of these words, and review radically (in a revolutionary way). Below I'll list everything I consider the most indisputable and principal.

Deoccupation of Europe. To withdraw all United States troops and military bases from the territory of European countries, for which it's most sensible to disband NATO. "Europe" should stop being a military vassal of the United States.

To exclude at least the United States and Canada from the OSCE and best of all liquidate this organization completely as the one perverting the purpose of its setting up. In aggregate, these two measures will mean if not full but radical **deamericanization of Europe**.

The European Union should be disbanded as the supranational bureaucratic formation that has become historically obsolete, and besides not reflecting the interests of not only all European countries but also many EU members. The European Union will disintegrate itself with the same inevitability and in the same historical time-limits and for the same reasons as the Soviet Union disintegrated – the European Union #1 that originated one hundred years ago in the east of Europe. But it will be a chaotic disintegration then with respective excesses and consequences.

Reunion of Europe. The West-Europeans not only allowed to americanize their part of Europe but also privatized the historical name of Europe, thinking that Europe is only the European Union and NATO and separating everything from it that is not included in these two organizations, first of all, Russia. It's high time to reunite "Europe" and Russia as this is the real, proper and full-scaled Europe and the European civilization (by the way, expanded by Russia to Asia – up to the Pacific ocean).

It's necessary to convoke the Forum of representatives of political and social views and ideas from all European countries and all ideological schools, the purposes of which should be: 1) setting up the permanent Intellectual European Council; 2) working out the Strategy for preservation and development of the European civilization within the next 5 years; 3) working out new political architecture of Europe, in particular, the concept of the European Nations Organization (ENO).

It should be publically stated that the main subjects of the home European policy are only and exclusively independent sovereign European (located in Europe) countries.

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Interference by any European states in internal affairs of each other should be banned and legally fixed, especially interference in internal affairs of European states as well as internal European affairs (including inter-state contradictions and conflicts) by any non-European states.

In the same way, European countries should publicly refuse from interference into internal affairs of any states located beyond Europe. Such interference is possible only in exceptional cases and only in case of request by legal representatives of the governments of these states or by the decision of the UN Security Council.

European countries should initiate the UN reform, and after this reform the UN Security Council should be formed according to the civilization or continental principle.

The European Nations Organization should be established even before the UN reform. The Security Council should become the highest permanent ENO body, and great European powers should become its permanent members except (for the first 10 years) the United Kingdom – because of the excessive United States impact on its foreign policy.

The history of neither the world nor Europe has stopped. And the course of history is not always change of borders, origination and disappearance of states. Because of that it's necessary to set up a special organ attached to the ENO – the Unrecognized States and Disputable European Territories Council with each of such states and each of such territories having their representatives in it.

Creation of the belt of neutral states between West European countries and Russia is an absolute imperative, they won't have the right to join any inter-state military blocs in the next 15 years – both intra-European and those outside Europe. The following countries should be included in this belt: Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Belarus, Slovakia, Hungary, all states of the former Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia. This will allow to gradually overcome the historical "division of Europe" that was the reason of numerous wars.

It's necessary to enter the provision on the Christian basis of the European civilization into Constitutions and other fundamental documents of European countries. Not rejecting the right of every resident of Europe to profess any traditional religion or be an atheist, it should mean and suppose:

1) acknowledgement of the historical authority of the Christian Church (Christian confessions) for the society as a whole as well as its political and all other institutions;

2) prohibition to destroy or limit demonstration of material, spiritual and cultural shrines and sacred objects and symbols of Christianity;

3) obligatory following, including legally, the principal norms of traditional Christian morals and respective prohibitions.

The demographic crisis is one of the most tragic challenges in today's Europe. Because of that and for many other reasons it's necessary to restore the traditional (classic) institution of marriage as a voluntary union of a man and a woman. No other unions or relations based on physiological intimacy and/or living together should be recognized as marriage though not prohibited legally.

Restoration of the traditional (classic) institution of family supposing responsibility of parents for the life and upbringing of children till their coming of age. Interference by the state as well as any public organizations in relations of children and parents is prohibited. Such interference is possible only in extreme cases and only according to the maximally limited list of bases set forth by the law. The so-called juvenile justice bodies should be liquidated and the system of children's reporting on their parents that is now being introduced everywhere, should be prohibited in pedagogical practice.

Absolute refusal to recognize, first of all legally, what is considered vices in traditional Christianity and by most people as a norm or a special and admissible variant of the norm.

No less absolute refusal from imposing norms and behavioral style of small social groups on the majority of the European population as a whole and every country in particular, including by decisions of national parliaments and local legislative bodies, especially and first of all in the sphere of relations between genders, family values, physiological relations between grown-ups and children.

Refusal from imposing "political correctness" on the society that actually replaced the institution of censorship, and the so-called tolerance, i.e. the obligation to put up with what you do not like, what is disgusting, unnatural or hinder normal life (including performance of your civil duty and public obligations) of your family, your children, yourself.

Refusal from worshipping civil rights and freedoms if they are in contrast with the generally recognized public interests and natural human solidarity, natural human cooperation and community life.

Refusal from idealization and absolute priority given to the so-called democracy (political) as it has never and nowhere was and can't in principle be a complete democracy or democracy for all. Dismantling of dilapidated "democratic pieces of scenery" camouflaging the power of the ruling class. Refusal from "democratic" political hypocrisy which is one of the most disgusting features of the modern "Europe".

Refusal from the controlled transfer of democracy as "the power of the majority" (no matter if illusionary) into "democracy" as the power (real in this case) of a small group of ardent and totalitarian in their intentions minorities over the majority.

At the same time, naturally, it's impossible to reject and belittle the value and importance of democratic forms of governance (including the state power), so characteristic of the European civilization at various stages of its development. But the European civilization to a no less extent could and fruitfully used another natural regime of society governing – the state-run command management (authoritarian in the worst case). Finding a reasonable but all the time changing balance between these two managerial methods means true and not feigned democracy, i.e. power in the name of the interests of the majority in the society and the society as a whole.

Acknowledgement of the variety of European countries, nations, their people, cultures, languages, traditions, including political traditions as the fundamental value of Europe as a community of countries and as a civilization. No country can be made to refuse from its national special features – from mental to political. No one can be imposed any political system, regime or any political ideology or philosophy. Standardization, i.e. systematic unification of the life of Eu-

ropean countries and nations is the mechanism of gradual destruction of the European civilization.

Refusal of intellectuals, creative leaders and politicians and as a result all residents of Westerns and Central Europe from civilizational racism, i.e. division of all residents of European countries into "Europeans" and "not fully Europeans", "not quite Europeans" – those who still have to "prove" that they are "true Europeans", and from all respective stereotypes, rhetoric, "homework", "examinations" and "check-ups".

Refusal from the gaining and gaining strength and scales speculative rewriting of European and world history is no less important. The main components of this rewriting are whitewashing "one's own" villains and ungrounded endowing "someone else's" or "alien" politicians and statesmen, commanders and common soldiers with evil features as well as direct lies up to repainting aggressors into victims of aggression and the latter into aggressors. It's impossible not to notice that now in "Europe" they have come to acquitting and even glorifying collaboration and that means Nazism in prospect. This "prospect" is already being realized in some European countries. And "Europe" pretends not to notice it or just cowardly keeps silent. It's high time to understand that this policy is first of all amoral; second, it is false and deceitful and because of that anti-scientific; third, it leads to an actual destruction of the real history of Europe.

No poor, no outcasts! The social justice issue should be solved in Europe by common efforts and that provides for not only elimination of poverty in the richest countries or in the poorest countries but also blatant differences in the life of the population of developed European countries. There should not be poor countries in Europe at all, especially because this can be achieved here much sooner than in some other part of the world.

Refusal from Eurocentrism and "European" arrogance in relation to other countries, nations and civilizations. Residents of the countries that unleashed at least two world wars (really no less than four) can't teach others peace-loving or pacifism. Residents of the countries that some time in the past had colonies on all the other continents of the globe with all the consequences proceeding from that, including elimination of the local people en masse and slave trade, can't teach others "tolerance", democracy, human rights, etc. in the same vein. The countries where Nazism and other racist theories were born and those exploiting racist practices for centuries, have no moral right to teach other nations and younger states humanism, mercy, common and political virtues.

Europe should return what was taken from its colonies and what is still being taken from there to them. First of all, political and economic freedom. Possibly, Europe will have – in the name of historical and social justice as well as its own survival – to provide the people of its former colonies with the minimum financial assistance that will help them – within the framework of their ideas and habits – to live on their own land comfortably and no less happily than in Europe.

Europe and the European civilization in their present condition can't be saved without Russia, apart from Russia and especially in confrontation with Russia and fighting against it. The one who thinks differently is either ignorant, or dumb, or a provocateur (there are many of them in the East of Europe), or idealistic, or unprincipled but a true member of the party of the Atlanticists, to be more exact, just a weak-willed and obedient slave of the United States. Europe should finally unite exactly today, in all its variety and on all its geographical and historical scales, i.e. unite with Russia – with the biggest and more and more European than "Europe" part of the European civilization.

Surely, we're speaking not about the mythical "common European house" that will be built according to West European patterns and neoliberal drawings and managed from Brussels, Berlin or London. There will never be such a house – Russia no longer allows to "restructure" itself "in imitation of Europe".

Surely, Russia can just wait when millions of native, indigenous (and not only native and indigenous) Europeans will run to be saved on its large territories. And what is more, Russia should just in case (in case of silly and irresponsible behaviour of the ruling European elites) get ready for such a resettling of European nations. But still Russia at first has to offer the "true Europeans" the sincere and unselfish (unselfish in the sense of mercenary-mindedness but not the wish to save the European civilization) union in the name of preserving all historical Europe at all its historical and geographical expanses. Will Europe accept the offer to create such a union or will it prefer to die alone?..

I'll be happy if my Charter, some provisions of which are definitely not indisputable, will awake an echo in the hearts or support, which is even better, by responsible and sensible public and political thinkers and actors both in Russia and the rest of Europe. By those real Europeans who really love Europe not at the expense or to the disadvantage of Russia and love Russia not at the expense or to the disadvantage of Europe. Those who feel all the worries of the present day as well as all dangers of the future – if "Europe" will continue to be obstinate in its delusions. But then "Europe" will disappear forever, and we'll lose a considerable part of the European historical heritage and the area of the European civilization will be drastically reduced. And we, Russia, will have to take upon ourselves all the responsibility for preserving the remnants of what at one time was the brilliant European civilization.

Russia will surely do it! But still we feel sorry for "old Europe"…