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**It Is About Duty And Human Responsibility**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The topic is very straightforward - how to view politicians and their "results" up to 2016?

Let me give it a thought. The question could be reformulated as follows: "Is there a difference between the view of ordinary citizens and their reaction to daily events abroad and the view of those in charge of implementation, or even misinterpretation and termination?"

Well, if citizens want foreign policy and international relations to be based on morality, then diplomacy is about completely different processes. Ordinary (even naive) citizens influenced by the media and politicians are mislead in their belief that states treat each other as friends and expect that such relations are guided by some imaginary loyalty and willingness to help. All that is simply useless in the world of international relations. Anyone who has been professionally involved in and handled international meetings knows that such processes are completely devoid of any morality. There are only interests, compromises, threats, bribes and frauds in particular.

That's the opinion of one of our members. However, it is shared by another four members. At my age there is no more hope that it can be different, that it could be inspired by "*fraternité, egalité, liberté*". Let me quote an e-mail from Zdenek Dokulil because I share his view and impressions of what is going on around us as a result of the will of irresponsible leaders, some of them behaving like adventurers.

*(...) These times are being sad.*

*(...) In Europe, we began to become closer and I believe that made us happy. Germans consider Europe their child and they act accordingly. They invite millions of people to come and then they want other member’s states to get them out of a tight spot. This is reality, somehow stupid. Unfortunately, discussions on this topic do not amount to the fact that Europe no longer has any control of its borders. How come? Anyone can come in, at any time, behave as he wishes and citizens just stare dully and keep silent. European politicians are pretending to do what they are supposed to do, and I am sure they are proud of their activities - they are referring to the need to increase our military capacity. That's ridiculous! The only thing anybody would have to do in order to occupy Europe is to come in large numbers. They'll simply outnumber us, and overrun our boundless naivety.*

*I saw somewhere a reference to Nigeria and that its population is 165 million. I pulled out an older atlas to check its population back in 1993. It was 92 million. If only Nigeria's population growth over the mere 22 years came to Europe, it would mean 73 million people. It's terrifying. These are simply numbers without any reference to ethnic and religious differences. And these are numbers depicting only one country with a high birth rate.*

*I just keep wondering what the UN is for? This institution failed to come up to my expectations. It is just a bunch of extremely well paid politicians who are not taken seriously at home. The outcome of their work reflects that. Syria is just one example.*

*I highly appreciate the idea of turning to the pope. When the UN is useless and EU politicians are unbelievably naive and incapable of protecting our borders against those who will simply outnumber us. I think it won't work, but what if! A miracle can happen even if one is sceptical.*

*Take care of yourself. Throw pessimism away. However, what will be left behind to our children and grandchildren?*

*(...) The pope is a prominent diplomat. God has no role at all to play in this. I understand that as a diplomat he has no interest in criticizing Merkel. He needs to sail through various waters.*

*Syria is an indication of Europe's unbelievable inability. By way of illustration, imagine Europe as families and European citizens as members of your family (obviously). Migrants are uninvited guests coming in arbitrary numbers. What does a person coming to see you do? He knocks on the door, introduces himself, tells you where he comes from and why he is coming and he even may ask for some help. He might be refused. It is up to the family. But how does the scenario of migrants coming to Europe look like? They don't knock on the door, they storm the house, even break the door, don't say hello, don't introduce themselves. They simply tell you that they have come to get money, food, housing and they even require good-quality housing. After all they enjoy the highest possible human rights.*

*Seems that politicians cannot count. Moreover, all of them only refer to Syria. They simply shield themselves. Statistical data indicate (according to the media) that 20% of them are Syrians, 72% are young men. That means 28% are mothers, children and elderly people. 28% out of 20% = approximately 6% of potentially eligible migrants from Syria. Young men are to be returned to fight for their country. Or is Europe expected to shelter them and send its own citizens to fight in Syria? And what about the remaining 80% of migrants from Kosovo, Albania, Pakistan,...?*

*I somehow got carried away with writing. Politicians cannot be that thick-witted, but they don't see their work as a mission, for them it is only a job between elections.*

I wish you a lovely, sunny day.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

You were distributed a scanned letter of a member of our International Peace Committee, professor M. Yunus, the laureate of the Nobel Peace Prize as well as of our Golden Biatek. In spite of the disparaging of Pope Francis and a number of politicians, as well as an influx of definitely true official, unofficial and widely spread information and disinformation, I am far from being an optimist and enjoying happy life that we wish for since we have been thinking about values... Whether we like it or not, our times are about the recovery of our civilization on the basis of a new security order and peace, as well as investment into the quality of life for the broad masses of population around the globe. If there is no agreement, if the power interests of specific countries prevail, if war production profits keep flowing, we will become modern slaves who will die of their memories of the last decade of the 20th century and the first fourteen years of the 3rd millennium.

There have been generations of grandparents and parents who got the worst of several coups, the social, economic, social, as well as moral erosion of their countries, and two world wars. I am not even mentioning attempts at global confrontation (Berlin, Cuba), local conflicts, and other difficulties. Suddenly a new confrontation is coming to view - in other words, the third world war. In less than one year, a mentally healthy European citizen has become disenchanted and does not see the ideas of Robert Schuman - and his declaration of 9 May 1950, F. Mitterand and H. Kohl being fulfilled and developed. Those ideas are engraved in our memory and heart, but they are subliming because their successors have managed to ruin Europe within several months. They have been devastating Europe morally and by the fears of ordinary citizens of what their lawfully elected leaders are going to commit tomorrow and in general.

Since early spring, we have been warning that the threat of war is coming not only from Eastern Ukraine, but mainly from Africa, from which "migrants" have been coming to Europe in an organised manner. The inability of the EU Council, the European Parliament, and the European Commission to protect the EU borders has caused a great crisis. Ladies and gentlemen, the organisers of that crisis and promoters of false solidarity might have harmed their own citizens, even those who are not aware of it today. Moreover, they have harmed a considerable number of migrants pinning their hopes on finding their place and human dignity in Germany, Austria, and Sweden. We can also ask a question which political leaders at home and abroad have made efforts to tell the truth to citizens and act in their interest?! The whole truth, not just some trifles.

I adhere to peace and humanity, but I refuse to applaud human naivety, stupidity, self-importance, superiority and bad manners, as well as the imposition of leading positions in the EU, which is based on the equality of all its members. We have those who we voted for and I have no doubt that we will pay dearly for it. And there is no need to talk about what is behind our Schengen borders.

I would like to thank several members of our association for their understanding of the need to make every possible effort to keep lasting peace. These are Don Quixote efforts and it is undeniably hard work. It is also hard work because we do not force governments and the Slovak government to use every possibility to return to the uncompromising protection of the EU with a population of over 500 million and of Slovakia with a population of five million.

Such possibilities are not illusive, but they are enshrined in the founding documents of the UN, the EU, and the Alliance. There have been some discussions about leaving the EU and NATO and since our politicians have not responded, I believe they are deaf, blind and "out of reality". In summer, a European commissioner from Greece said that no changes would be introduced in the EC policies, because they have a mandate for four years. No need to mention statements by leaders of our military allies, which always go in one direction even if they cause an outrage and discontent among citizens.

Globally, these times are a paradise for weaponry - for military production, the use, export, and import of weapons. It also generates more interest in everything related to increasing military and security activities. Are they "only" conventional methods of "peaceful" destruction? As if there was no will to make specific acts of peace "immediately", because it is the eleventh hour. Are there risk takers capable of issuing a command and executing the "final attack" or the "Judgment Day" in the name of - their - higher principles believing that they would take refuge in nuclear bunkers and survive?

And what about the rest of population? They are "off". A vast majority of people have no influence on what is going on in the world, on the escalation of tension, heading towards self-destruction. They have got their coke, hamburger, perhaps some sex and reality shows, and they rely on their leaders and imaginary greatness, i.e. the power of their country's economy and "relations", and of course on the increasing production of the military-industrial complex. Ordinary mortals have no idea about that and their imagination would be embarrassing. It is a matter of fact that on the one hand, ordinary people want to enjoy their life in dignity and peace and on the other hand, the relations between and among nations are about something else, especially at these times.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Despite what I've said, it is the absolute duty of all of us to contribute to any, even the smallest change in the thinking of the masses of population and to be engaged in the life of our national and European societies.

During the last three decades, with a few exceptions, the number of socially responsible and active citizens has been on the decrease, which is fine with political parties around the world, in Europe as well as here, at home. The most appropriate attribute for most politicians would be quasi-politicians and it would suit them down to the ground if they voted for themselves, since they consider themselves the best and chosen ones. To that they even adapt legislation and "self-remuneration" for MP mandates. We commented on the domestic affairs in May in our declaration "On the 2016 General Election". Let me add that the 2016 general election-related costs incurred by political parties are way higher than the salary requirements of nurses, teachers, and other needed social workers.

The question is also whether it wouldn't be better to come to terms with the fact that we cannot do anything about it - only by accident in a tense situation at the cost of decline, running the risk of losing what was built by the previous generations and that "little" that we have contributed.

We do not want nostalgia.

What we want is the responsibility and accountability of politicians, respect for the principles laid down by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the European Charter on Human Rights, as well as our Constitution. We are not saviours, but we are citizens who wish to be fully respected as citizens and not decimated by the arbitrariness, incapability, and irresponsibility of any and today even untouchable and protected policymakers. Let us not underestimate their action; otherwise, they will come up with unthinkable surprises.