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Tordesillas, Iberian Peninsula, 16th February 2021;

Your Excellency,

We are writing to you from the Iberist Society (Sociedad Iberista by its formal name in Spanish), the Iberist movement's majority socio-cultural association, whose mission is to promote the process of European integration by taking advantage of the existing affinity and synergies between Portugal and Spain, contributing to the improvement of social, cultural and territorial cohesion in the Iberian Peninsula. The ultimate aim is to contribute to social and economic progress, with a commitment to sustainable development and environmental protection.

We wanted to tell you that the euphoria over the agreement reached with the United Kingdom, following the exit process initiated by the latter, makes us very cautious, because it opens the way for the rise of Euroscepticism, even in spite of the successes achieved by the management of the pandemic and the aid and loans made available to the most affected member states.

For this reason, we believe that now is the time to promote Iberianism. Openly, without fear and with the active participation of civil society, of which we consider ourselves representatives.

It is in the interest of the European Union, and specifically to its main economies, Germany and France, that the Iberian States, Spain and Portugal, emerge economically stronger from this crisis because it is essential that a third partner (Peninsular bloc), with its historical and cultural bound, is able to promote trade openness towards Latin America in the future, as it has been done with China and Canada, and as it has been attempted with the USA.

For this reason, today, we beg of you to inform the respective governments of the existence of our project and our objectives for 2021:

Renewal of the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between Portugal and Spain.

This treaty dates back to 1977 and should promote the creation of common structures or, in the absence of such structures, regular meetings between the different public bodies, in order to promote cohesion.



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Within this Treaty, economic, cultural and social convergence should also be fostered, eliminating the asymmetries that exist between the two peninsular nations.

The Iberian Society requests direct and public support for these two points, as well as participation in them.

We would like the European Commission, France and Germany to request this from the Spanish and Portuguese governments. We consider crucial to speed up the cooperation processes and it is essential to inform civil society of the active participation mechanisms.

If we manage to bring this point to fruition, we will achieve a great success for Europe, from which the citizens would indirectly benefit.

Moreover, the Union would recover a fundamental pillar of the European construction project, namely the peninsular Europeanism, which is currently very disenchanted and uprooted.

The strategic alliance of Spain and Portugal, with almost sixty (60) million inhabitants and a border between the EU and third countries, is the beginning of the creation of an intercontinental bloc that is necessary for the future of the European Union and in the interests of the Member States and citizens of the Union.

Iberism is the necessary instrument for our future.

We, Iberist Society, remain at your disposal to build the Europeanism of the 21st century.

At the bottom of this letter, you will find our contact details, where we will be pleased to assist you and explain any questions should you have.

Yours sincerely;

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