

European Petition 'In favour of life and human dignity'

To the President of the European Parliament, the President of the European Commission, the President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union, the Secretary General of the UN and the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

We the undersigned European citizens, *considering that*

- Human dignity, freedom, equality and solidarity are the moral and spiritual patrimony on which the European Union is founded, as is laid down in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;
- 60 years have passed since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the effectiveness of which in promoting freedom, justice and peace is compromised if every human being, from conception till natural death, is not recognised as being the subject of dignity and rights;
- The European Union and the European Council consider it their duty to respect and promote the human rights solemnly proclaimed in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms;
- There are recurrent attempts to interpret restrictively the right to life by denying it to human beings conceived but not yet born;
- Even the definition of family becomes uncertain if it is not recognised as the fundamental nucleus of society and of the State and therefore founded on the marriage of a man and a woman having the primary right and duty to educate their children;

We affirm

- The right to life of every human being from conception till natural death
- The rights of the family as the fundamental nucleus of society and of the State founded on the marriage of a man and a woman who have the right and duty to educate their children;

We request

- That all steps are taken to ensure that it be specified in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (Art 2) and in the Treaties which are in the process of being revised, as well as in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Art 2) and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Art 3), wherein the right to life of every human being is recognised, that this right must be recognised from conception;
- That, at least, every decision, recommendation, resolution, regulation or directive that engages the right to life be in accordance with the principle that this right must be recognised from conception;
- That public funding of research, which involves the destruction of human embryos, as is happening, for example, in virtue of the VII Research Framework Programme of the European Union, be suspended;
- That the family in the full sense of the word is acknowledged as founded on the marriage of a man and a woman, who should be recognised as having the primary right and duty to choose how to educate their children.

