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Spain and European Unity

Memorandum for Information

In October 1959 the Spanish Association for European Co-operation of Madrid commemorated the Tenth Anniversary of the Council of Europe by publishing a booklet entitled "Spain and European Unity", which began with a statement of policy, as follows:

"1. The Spanish Association for European Co-operation expresses its satisfaction at the entry of Spain as a full member into the O.E.E.C. and believes that in this way our country is not only on the right road to solve its economic problems but has also taken an important step towards its future incorporation into a united Europe.

"2. The Spanish Association for European Co-operation deploras the confusion which is being created by those who seek to substitute for the unequivocal and well-known formula of "supra-national integration" such vague ideas as "a Europe of the fatherlands", "the harmonisation of national policies" and so on, as if the problems of the twentieth century could be solved by using the remedies of the nineteenth. The Association therefore proclaims the necessity for the national states of Europe to confer real powers on a supra-national authority, democratically elected, which would have the task of bringing about an effective economic and political union of our peoples.

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"3. The Spanish Association for European Co-operation considers it natural that, as in the case of other historical processes of political unification, the process which leads to European Union should include initially only a part - and that the most essential and dynamic part - of the future grouping; it therefore proclaims its faith in the mission of "Little Europe" as an example and as the advance guard and pilot of the "Greater Europe" of tomorrow. It expresses its best wishes for the successful growth and effective co-ordination of the three Six Power Communities, for their speedy transformation into a single Political Community and for the incorporation therein of the countries on the periphery of Europe.

"4. The Spanish Association for European Co-operation is convinced that the future European Union can only accomplish its mission if it is constituted by members which are politically, economically and socially homogeneous. It therefore proposes the adoption of the following institutional and structural principles, which should be common to all members:

- (a) the European Convention on Human Rights signed in Rome in 1950 and the Paris Protocol of 1952;
- (b) the principle of subordination, which is the guarantee of individual and collective autonomy, by virtue of which society only assumes those functions which cannot be discharged effectively by the individual or by local authorities or by the component parts of which it is constituted;
- (c) a social and economic hierarchy and a distribution of material riches based on the dignity of work.

"5. The Spanish Association for European Co-operation expresses the firm conviction that the only way to overcome the state of constant danger resulting from the existence of two world powers vastly superior to the other countries both militarily and economically, is the creation and strengthening of a Union of the free peoples of Europe. Such a Union would be, in addition, the only entity capable of acting as a pole of attraction to the enslaved countries of Eastern Europe, the only power which would be in a position to achieve by peaceful negotiations their real liberation and the only firm guarantee that Western Europe will never become the price of reconciliation between the United States and the Soviet Union.

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"6. The Spanish Association for European Co-operation considers that the peoples of Europe, once they have achieved their economic and political unity, should constitute a decisive factor of conciliation in the world, taking the initiative of bringing effective assistance - generously and without ideological conditions - to the under-developed countries, and promoting the establishment of an international order directed towards unity, peace and concord, based on justice and nourished on charity, which will guarantee to all nations on earth a future of prosperity, liberty and dignity."
