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*Dear participants of the Conference, ladies and gentlemen, colleagues and friends!*

We are starting today **the XXV Anniversary Annual Conference** of the International Foundation for the Unity of Orthodox Christian Nations (IFUOCN) which is in itself a considerable event, despite **the growing contradictions of modern society**, and considerable difficulties experienced in this regard in communication, for **every year**, for a quarter of the century, without interruption we gather in one of the states of our planet to discuss in details **the most urgent issues** of the human community and responsibly offer state and religious leaders, **national elites**, the international political class our views on the solution of **topical issues of political, social and spiritual life of nations** that tend to slide into a deep systemic **global crisis**.

The theme of our Conference is directly related the **root grounds** of this approaching crisis, for currently, in the global processes, **two tendencies** have collided in intractable **conflict**: the desire of nations **to protect national uniqueness**, driven by the deep national instinct of survival, and the **opposing** them **ideology** and practice of ruling political elites, this **liberal international ruling class**, to activate **integration** of all aspects of life of the international community, **to accelerate the process of globalization**, which **dissolves the national uniqueness** of nations and stimulates **their loss of identity**.

**Is it possible to reconcile** these two global trends, acting in concert for the common good? The ongoing **globalization** **processes** **have been dominant** around the world for a relatively long period of time, and it seemed that they finally won, **pushing conservatives and traditionalists** aside, into the background of the global path.

Separate **islands of resistance** to globalists not long ago were **Christian Orthodox Churches**, supporters and defenders of **traditional** values, and **Islamic fundamentalists** who fiercely opposed processes of **Westernization**, which **liberal propaganda** represented as **pure marginals**. Only **Russia**, led by her President Vladimir Putin, has consistently **fought for traditional values**, **justice** and common sense in inter-state relations and in domestic policy, almost alone on the world stage.

**Donald Trump’s** unexpected victory in the US presidential elections **added strength the conservatism** not only in the USA, but **throughout the world**. However, the world **liberal elite**, promoting **globalism**, **has not lost** its enormous **influence in the world**, retaining many **financial and speculative** levers that regulate **international trade**, banking, **global media and the Internet**, which with great power continue to **affect** the public consciousness of billions of people, **motivating their activities** in the right direction to **liberals**.

 So, **we are at the crossroads** of the global processes. **Conservatism**, seemingly defeated by **liberals** forever, **suddenly returned** into current **political** context with his **traditional values** and meanings based on **Christianity**. Humanity is awakened from the hypnotic effect of **liberal ideology** with her **cults** of human **permissiveness** in a beautiful package of **unrestricted human rights** getting bored for simple and necessary things: **traditional family** where a father and a mother are inside – a man and a woman, instead of the liberal so-called same-sex parents; where there are simple but **priceless concepts of “Homeland”**, **native language, national culture and memory** of generations, living in an environment of own people, compatriots with **a shared history**, and when it is clear where you come from, etc.

But instead of these simple and clear things, **a person in Europe**, suddenly overnight, by the will of **liberal elites** found himself in unaccustomed and **disturbing situation of changing moral priorities**, surrounded by millions of migrants, people from another world, **with a different mentality and culture**, unknown and **incomprehensible**, causing **cognitive dissonance** and moral **discomfort**.

**Europe** under the **liberal leadership** became hostile, **showing signs of anxiety,** and that’s understandable, because **it is impossible to deny the right of nations to live in** **the familiar** and longstanding **national and cultural paradigm and religious and spiritual atmosphere**, it is impossible for politicians to rape the will of the people **forcing** him to host uninvited guests, flooding their states.

 These **claims** of **nationalist political forces**, quite fair and reasonable, which have declared themselves in **Hungary, Germany, Slovakia, Poland, Austria**, are rejected today by the **liberal top** **of the European Union**, creating a certain tension **in the EU,** which is transmitted to other states – **Italy, Greece, France**.

As if today not to treat the Brexit which has come to a political deadlock due to internal squabbles in the **British Parliament**, the **result** of the UK’s decision **to leave the European Union,** in itself, indicates **ineradicable thirst of nations for** their independence, **sovereignty** of the **national States**, **protection of a traditional way of life, culture and identity**. **European integration in the ultra-liberal** model **has exhausted** **itself** and requires major adjustment.

We, **political, religious and public** figures, parties and organizations, advocating for the **preservation and defense of traditional values, understand** the motives and actions, appeals and demands of Hungarian state and political **leader Viktor Orban** and his ruling **party FIDES**, as well as we understand the positions of political forces of other States -- in **Italy, Austria, Germany, Slovakia, opposing** **ultra-liberal** course of the present leadership of the European Union showing **contempt for the national priorities** of European **nations** and worshipping the spiritually poor and **culturally barren** **cosmopolitism** with its failed **multiculturalism** and blind tolerance.

We are aware of the **interests of the international liberal** elite - taking and **retention of world domination** on the basis of **sterilization of national** uniqueness of nations, through the **suppression of national** priorities and the dismantling of **principles of the sovereignty** of States, **minimizing** the autonomy of national governments.

We understand the goals of the **Russian** state leadership to **promote traditional** spiritual and cultural **values and meanings in the life of society**, to **protect the national identity** of its people. In the context of economic instability and the threat of a new arms race in the world, Europe needs to strengthen the cooperation of the peoples of the continent, and in this connection the **improving of relationship with Russia** is the only way out, but this is prevented by the current **liberals in the European Union and European Parliament**.

The loss of **healthy instincts** of peoples to live independently, relying on their own capacities, leads to the damping of the national body of will and strength for further original, exclusive and unique existence in the world. As a rule, healthy national **will is aimed at preserving** their **national** identity, while **liberal** political elites, by virtue of their selfish interests, based on clan preferences, **for the sake of their private benefits** neglect the will of the peoples and lead their States into various kinds of **alliances and blocs**, in which **supranational authorities dominate** and the **sovereignty** and independence of **nations** and States are eroded.

Nowadays, the world is dominated by **liberal types of unions** where **sovereignty** of nations **is being undermined**, as it happens **in the EU**, while **conservatives and traditionalists** show **inaction** in consolidating their efforts to defend **classic values and meanings**, sluggishly defend the principles of formation **inter-state unions for this purpose.** Unfortunately, we can see once again **counterproductive attempts of conservatives** to dictate the strong over the weak, which previously **dominated** in various kinds of **international** organizations and **proved ineffective**.

Nevertheless, **the United States,** led by **President D. Trump**, proclaiming the **priorities of conservative values** and putting **the interests of America** above all their obligations **to the allies**, **treats with contempt the national** interests of other States, if they do not match the benefits in the US **economy** or **politics**. It does not seem likely that **conservatives** and advocates of **traditional values**, following this course, will be able **to unite** and **defeat liberal** democrats in their struggle for **promotion of traditional values**, establishing of **healthy order** in international relations.

Or take the example of **China**. Declaring in the **international arena** its commitment to **globalization**, especially in terms of the **integration of world trade** in technologies, goods and services, promoting for this purpose the planetary project **"One belt-one road"** **born in China**, the Chinese authorities, meanwhile, strengthen the attention of their **ideological institutions** on intense activation of their work among the population on education on **national-patriotic traditions**, orienting the **national consciousness** of the people **on the** **love** of their own **history**, this **motivates the Chinese** to **work hard** for the **prosperity of China** and thus contributes in every way to the **growth of commodity production** in their country in order to achieve **dominance** and a positive balance **in trade** with all international partners.

Actually, **this is what D. Trump wants to achieve for the American economy**, unleashing **trade wars** with the most powerful participants in the world market, that is **the EU and China**, **trying to achieve** a favorable trade **balance** **for the US** in the battle with these **giants**, in every possible way **defending the interests of the national** producer **in the US**, motivating his efforts in the name of a **strong and prosperous America** as a **beacon** for **all mankind**, as a **"house on the mountain"**, according to the famous Protestant **doctrine**.

Apparently, we see that **the time has come** to create new **trends**, determine other **priorities:** want to achieve **positive results** in the **political, socio-economic** sphere, rely on **traditional values** **and meanings**, increase **spiritual and cultural national-Patriotic potential**, develop, stimulate it, rather **part** with the outgoing **sterile** **liberal-secular** dogmas.

The fact that even in a relatively stable **Belarus** it is due to the **strength of traditional** foundations in this country, however, the **Belarusian authorities** are preparing to adopt a **state program** for the preservation of **traditional values** in the country shows how relevant the world political agenda is now. Secretary of state of the **Security Council** of Belarus Stanislav Zas, March 13, this year confirmed that a program is really being developed within the framework of the Concept of **state security** for the **preservation of traditional values and foundations** in the country.

**In the Russian Federation**, experts are also busy today with the problems of preserving **traditional values**, for this purpose, research is being conducted and **recommendations** are being prepared **for the authorities**. Thus, just in March of this year, sociologists **ZIRCON** summed up the results of a **large-scale study** of public opinion on the preservation of **traditional values** in society, which **should concern** the **Russian authorities** with the **severity of the identified problems**, because it is stated that **in Russian society there are no values** that at the moment could **certainly** **consolidate the absolute majority of the population**, especially young people. This is an important call for the authorities.

In this situation, the **Russian Orthodox Church** offers its ways of **consolidating** society on the basis of **traditional spiritual and cultural values**, which is readily accepted by the **ruling Russian** class. Hence the **turn** not only in **Russia**, but also **in other countries of the new elites** to **religious** spiritual and **cultural values and meanings** based on **traditional religions**, the true **foundation** of the Euro-Atlantic **civilization** - **Christianity**. It is **Christianity** in its two directions - **in Orthodoxy and Catholicism** as the most **ingrained religion** of European nations, is able to **re-unite Europe** and breathe **new forces** into it.

In this regard, the **example of the Hungarian modern politicum** headed by the ruling party "FIDES" and its **leader, the Prime Minister Of the Republic of Hungary Viktor Orban**, who, being the leader of the EU member state, nevertheless boldly **defends** the **interests of his people** **before the liberal** elite of the European Union, advocating for the preservation of the **national identity** of the Hungarians, their **traditional Christian** spiritual and **cultural values**, deserves close study. Thus, **Viktor Orban** stands for the preservation of the **Christian identity** of the whole of **Europe**, **civilization foundation** of which was formed by **Christianity**. Thus, it **restarts the integration process** on the continent, placing it on a solid **foundation of traditional values** acceptable to the peoples both **in the West** and **in the East** of the continent.

Of course, this appeal **directly** **to the peoples** caused the **anger** **of the liberal** bureaucratic and selfish **elite of Europe**. **The European Parliament** threatens **Hungary** with severe penalties, up to the **suspension of the country's voting rights** **in the EU**, and the leading faction in the EP **"European people's party"**, consisting of **desperate leftists and complete liberals**, intends to exclude **"FIDES"** from its Alliance. However, ahead, **May 23, 2019**, will be the big **elections in Europe**, **the European Parliament will be re-elected**, which many experts predict a **deep transformation** as a result of the **inevitable victory** of supporters of **traditional** values, **conservative** forces and the inexorable **failure of the liberals**.

All **major political** forces in **Europe** have now come together in a **tense battle** for seats in the **European Parliament**, which will then form **the EU's governing bodies**, and the outcome of the upcoming elections, thus, will determine the **vector of political** and socio-economic development not only of **Europe itself**, but of other **parts of the world**.

For example, **the Chinese** show **great interest** in the outcome of the **European** elections, but **the Americans** show even greater interest, because the victory of **D. Trump** in 2018 **has not yet guaranteed** the final **victory to the conservatives**, since **the American Democrats** - **liberals** in their struggle with them use the huge **political resource** of **the European liberals** in power. And now **the American conservatives** have made a serious bet **on changing forces** in the new **European Parliament**. For example, **the main author of the victory of D. Trump** in the presidential elections in the United States **Steve Bannon** - the head of his campaign headquarters - **specially created in Europe a Fund to support conservative parties** fighting for seats in the **European Parliament** in order to **radically** change **the subsequent balance** of power in **European politics in general**.

 It must be said that **S. Bannon's hopes**, as he recently put it, **"to unite the Judeo-Christian West"** on the basis of **fundamental values**, are not groundless, because even **in the stronghold** of the current **European liberal forces** - in the political **class of Germany** - there are **profound changes** not in favor of the **liberals**. The most powerful **signal** of the ongoing **changes** is the **resignation from the post of leader** of the ruling party **"Christian democratic Union"** long-term leader **Angela Merkel**.

**The resignation of A. Merkel** in the first place is related to **her disastrous ultra-liberal immigration policies**. Her successor on a post of **the leader of the CDU** Mrs **Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer** publicly criticizes **liberal dogma**, **such as** **gay marriage**, and upholds **Christian values**, protects **the traditional family**. She comes from **a Catholic family**, unlike **the childless A. Merkel**, she is a mother of three children. Her **debate with French** President **E. Macron** about **the future of Europe**, which the Frenchman sees only **through liberal glasses**, is interesting, and Mrs **Annegret** does not **agree** with him in everything.

Of course, the **new** German **party** leader **is far from euroscepticism**, but it is more **realistic** to assess the current **situation in Europe**, **plunged into a crisis** at the behest of the **liberal elites**. The very **institutional structure** of the **European** Union is experiencing a **serious crisis**, growing **centrifugal** tendencies and all **sorts of contradictions**, the clearest manifestations of which was **Brexit**, as well as **"fermentation" of sovereignties** **(Scotland, Catalonia, etc.**), becoming an immanent factor in the European process.

**The problem of poverty** is growing not only in the **"new"** but also in the **"old" Europe**. Not so long ago considered very **prosperous Luxembourg**, now, according to **Eurostat**, has **become a record** for the **growth of poverty**, there is an **increase in poverty** among the population of **Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, France**. Even in the "locomotive of the economy" of the **EU, in Germany**, the **poverty** rate has reached 17 % and continues to grow. And this is not to mention the **new EU members** - **Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia**, where **the growth rate of poverty gallops**.

**Socio-economic** problems threaten the **unity of Europe** and its further **integration**. The sudden **seizure of France** by the movement of **"yellow vests"**, oddly enough, testifies to the sharply **increased level of national** consciousness of the French, requiring President **E. Macron** to put an end to the **liberal** economic course aimed at satisfying the interests of the **globalist world oligarchy**, and return to the **urgent** problems of the **French** people, suffering from the **universal high cost** and reduction of **social** benefits, **falling** living standards.

Thus, the further **deterioration of the economic situation** in **the EU**, the strengthening of **financial imbalances**, production **imbalances**, increasing **migration problems**, the emergence of new or the **revival of old** centers of **separatism**, the **aggravation of the Franco-Italian** political and diplomatic **conflict**, the continuation of the **policy of sanctions** against **Russia** - all this increases the **risks of provoking** a large-scale **European crisis** with the prospect of turning into a **collapse of the integration project in Europe in general**.

**Europe's sanctions** against **Russia**, if **you look at this issue well**, **were not invented in Europe and not for the benefit of Europe**, but only **to its detriment**, as well as **to the detriment of Russia**, which is a **territorial and mental** part of **Europe**. Now imagine what it would be like if **Russia and Europe** was a **single economic organism**, as **Charles de Gaulle** wanted. **The US and China would go crazy!** But **liberal forces** **in Europe and America** **do not want** to allow this, and instead they **construct** all sorts of **chimeras**, which showed just the **completeness** of the unity of the **elites** in the framework of the **project of European integration and globalization**.

Although a **symbolic** act was recently held in **Aachen in Germany** to demonstrate the **strength of European Integration**, a **new Treaty on Franco-German** comprehensive **cooperation** was signed, **strengthening** the Foundation of the **old Franco-German Treaty of 1963**, which laid the **foundations of the European Union** at that time, nevertheless, **skeptical assessments** about the **future of European integration** as such are becoming louder. And the new Aachen Treaty **did not confirm** **the joyful** prospects of **the EU**, because **France and Germany**, as the **main forces of the European Union**, turned out to be too **many differences** on the main issues of the **future of Europe**.

Even created after the signing of the Treaty of Aachen **exotic supranational organ** - so-called **Parliamentary Assembly**, which brought together 50 deputies from each side, immediately at the start again showed long-standing **Franco-German** disputes on the **common economic space**.

**Euroscepticism** - another **threat to liberals** - **haunts Europe**. **Eurosceptics** firmly established in the **Italian government**. One of the main **eurosceptics** **Deputy Prime Minister of Italy** and the **leader of the party "League" Matteo Salvini** recently launched an initiative, which received considerable **support**, **to hold in Rome** **on the eve of the elections to the European Parliament** of the all-European **congress** of **like-minded - eurosceptics**, which **liberal** media immediately called **europopulists**, including in this cohort of **leaders** of the French "National Association" led by **Marine Le Pen**, **"Alternatives for Germany"** led by **Alexander Gauland**, activists of the German **Pigida**, **leaders of the** Freedom Party of Austria, the Polish party **"Law and justice"** and other similar **parties and movements** that defend **traditional values and meanings**. It is argued that in the **new European Parliament** traditionalists, conservatives and eurosceptics will make a powerful **alliance** or on the basis of the former **faction "Europe of Nations and freedoms"**, or create a **new a**ssociation of the type "Europe for freedom and direct democracy".

According to the forecasts of the **German-French** analytical **Jacques Delors Institute**, there is a great chance of passing to the **European Parliament** at the Italian so-called **populists of the "Movement of five stars"**, the Spanish **“Podemos” ("We can")**, the right party **"Vox"**. **New parties and movements** appear **on the right** (in Western European terminology) field of the **political spectrum**, **speaking from a conservative position**. So in 2017, a **conservative "Union of values"** appeared in **Germany**, which included well-known functionaries from the **CDU** and the **CSU**, **dissatisfied with the liberal** course of this **ruling coalition**.

**Values** become **a decisive criterion** in the economic life of **the EU** countries, when it is necessary to protect the **interests of the national producer**. To do this, say, **in France**, the government, despite its **liberalism**, introduced the term **"economic patriotism"**, the sound of which cuts the ears of **ideological liberals**. And in other **EU** countries, **national** motives push the **"European idea"**.

Recently, **the Netherlands**, in response to accusations of **state protectionism** on the occasion of the purchase by the government of this country of an additional stake in Air France-KLM, stated that they thus **protect their national interests**. Most of the political parties and movements in **Europe**, which are now fiercely fighting for seats in the new **European Parliament**, almost do not touch in the election rhetoric on the theme of the **"European project"**, **"building a United Europe"**, which indicates the **low popularity** of the Europeans of the ideas of further **European integration**.

And this scares not only the **liberal leaders of Europe**, but also the globalists **of the world level**. So, more recently, on February 11 this year, the **guru from globalization**, the notorious world financial speculator **George Soros** simultaneously in several major newspapers made an article in which he warns the **top of the EU** that if they do not take the **necessary measures** to counter **eurosceptics** and **conservatives-traditionalists**, **the European Union** as the top of the **integration project** in the near future will meet **inevitably collapse** and complete **breakdown**.

Many **participants of the Davos forum**, which traditionally gathered in January this year in the Swiss Alps, spoke about this with bitterness. As part of the main theme of the forum: **"Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution"**, its participants predicted the imminent **decline of the liberal model** of the economy. Even **Klaus Schwab,** the founder and permanent organizer of the World Economic Forum in Davos was forced to make no secret of **his pessimism** about the future **prospects of the market economy**, noting that the **liberal model** is killing by **injustice** in international and socio-economic relations.

Indeed, the theme of **growing inequality** can't seriously be disturbed. What solidarity and **cohesion of society**, **integration** projects before the coming **global crisis** can we talk about when **growing poverty** and **inequality** kill all attempts **to unite** different social stratum. According to recent research **Oxfam,** one can see how rapidly **increasing the concentration** of giant **wealth** in the hands of a **small handful** of people, which makes the world **extremely dangerous and not stable**. So, it is specified that now **two thousand billionaires control the** world from back stage, and since the global financial crisis **a decade ago**, the number of billionaires **has nearly doubled**, and the combined **fortunes of the world's 26 richest individuals** from this list reached **$1.4 trillion** last year — the same amount as the total wealth of the **3.8 billion of the world's poorest people**. Such a **huge gap** between **rich and poor** **blocks** any attempt to **consolidate society**.

In this regard, the leading German newspaper **Spiegel** noted that the **integration spirit is disappearing** in the world, "a **deep gap** is opening between the state and societies... Societies are breaking up into groups, each of which **"cries out for its own identity"**.

This **anxiety is felt** all over the world, prompting people in different countries on different continents **to express distrust of their ruling classes**, and where it succeeds, **populist politicians** come to replace bureaucratic and **corrupt clans**, **as was the case in Mexico** just recently. Here in the presidential election, despite the total **falsification** from the power of the mafia with the vote count, the victory however, was won by Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador with his slogan: **"Away from the elites - closer to the people!"**.

And from the first steps of his presidency, he began to produce **revolutionary and desirable** changes to **ordinary** people: the first decree, he **halved his own salary**, significantly cut the **salaries of Ministers** and employees of his administration, **his wife** - first lady **lost** a considerable **salary** prescribed under the law; he imposed a **ban** **on "political tourism"** - fruitless trips around the world for himself and high-ranking officials, **refused** to presidential **air transport,** and now flies around the country by regular aircraft; ordered to open a **public museum** in the former **presidential** residence; **reduced** to a minimum **numerous presidential guard;** canceled all benefits to **former presidents** of the State, noting that all of them are not very poor; he also **cancelled** **the inviolability** and immunity from jurisdiction of former presidents, providing that rule **for himself** in the future.

The people **were elated** by these changes, but the **elite laid low.** What will happen next in Mexico, it is hard to predict. In any case, the appearance of a populist in **such a high position** is a **powerful signal** for **the powers** not only in **Latin America**, but throughout **the world**.

The **liberal project of European integration** starts to **fail** **seriously,** and it was triggered by the **Balkans**. As always in history, **European upheavals** **begin in the Balkans**.

The **Brussels liberal bureaucracy** breaks through the knee the resistance of the people **in Macedonia**, where the popular will in the **referendum** on changing the name of this Republic and the country's entry into European structures, and, therefore, necessarily **in NATO**, was not expected in favor of **European integrators**. And then with the help of the **"fifth column"** in this country, which captured the relative majority in the **Parliament of the Republic**, together with them **Brussels commissioners** **pushed Macedonia into the EU and NATO,** against the will of the people.

A similar **scenario** was previously performed in **Montenegro**. Now attempts are being made, **bypassing the will of the people** and the legitimate institutions of power of **Serbia**, through **street riots** arranged by heterogeneous and few Serbian opposition engaged by **mainstream of the West and the European liberal**, to push the **issue** **of Serbia's accession** **to the EU** on **American and Brussels terms**, and then drag **the Serbs necessarily to NATO**. The bargaining chip here is the **Holy** land of **Kosovo and Metohija** for Serbian **national and religious** feeling.

In general, the **religious issue** occupies an **important place** in the formation and development of **national consciousness**. It is on it that apologists of integration in the liberal-secular model strike **methodically** and consistently. **Liberalism** as such is born of **secular thinking** and therefore acts as an **antithesis to religious consciousness**.

It is no accident that **liberal integrators** from **Brussels** are very concerned about **the Ukrainian issue**. In order **not to allow Ukraine to return to the field of Russian influence**, they purposefully inflate **the religious conflict in Ukraine**, tearing the majority of **Ukrainian Orthodox** parishes from the **canonical** Church subordination of the **Russian Orthodox Church to Moscow**. This is **a huge blow** to the **national consciousness** of the **Ukrainian** people, the **vast majority** of whom are historically spiritually, culturally and mentally connected with **Russia, the Moscow Patriarchate**.

Unfortunately, **the Greek Patriarch Bartholomew from Istanbul** joined this **dirty political game** encouraged by **the USA**. Together with the President of Ukraine **P. Poroshenko**, who lost the trust of the people and therefore forced to rely on the **marginalized and outsiders in the face of fascist nationalists and rioters**, **Patriarch Bartholomew** organized the so-called new **Local Church in Ukraine**, consisting entirely of **false bishops and false priests**, expelled earlier from the canonical Churches as **schismatics and schematics**, which no legitimate **Autocephalous Orthodox Church** in the world recognizes.

With the support of **P.Poroshenko** and **nationalists** in power, **Patriarch Bartholomew engaged in raiding**, forcibly seizing **churches and monasteries** belonging to the canonical **Ukrainian Orthodox Church** of the Moscow Patriarchate.

**The Russian Orthodox Church**, which unites almost **half** of all **Orthodox believers in the world**, **broke off** the Eucharistic communion with the **Patriarchate of Constantinople** in connection with the latter's **non-canonical** actions. There was **a split in Orthodoxy**, which will adversely affect **the spiritual health of Europe**. Thus, of the **28 countries** of the **EU,** more than a third of them have **Local Orthodox Churches**, historically playing an **important role** in the **spiritual and cultural** life of the **peoples** of these States, which have a great influence on the **national consciousness of the peoples**.

Of course, it would be naive to expect that the **split** would only hit the **Russian Orthodox Church** and not hurt **everyone else**. On the contrary, it is obvious that the **split** will leave **a memorable mark** in the **national consciousness** of the Eastern European Nations, will **strike a serious blow to the project of European integration**, which do not want to understand **the liberals** in the leadership of **the European Union**.

Thus, before **Europe**, before the **whole world** there was a **problem of a choice of a further way**. Time will show **where Europe will move** - the elections to **the European Parliament** are waiting for us, **their results** will largely determine what is now, in this difficult time, **more important for the peoples of the continent** - **to strengthen national consciousness**, draw strength **from traditional spiritual and cultural values and meanings**, **not to dissolve** in the diversity of the world, **to preserve their identity**, or, breaking away from **historical roots**, to find a future in **a new unknown reality**.

Thank you for listening.