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Rebuilding Multilateralism: Europe's Role in UN Reform

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Today, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Room Spinelli 3H1 at the European Parliament in Brussels, the event *"Rebuilding Multilateralism: Europe's Role in UN Reform"* took place, organised and coordinated by **Pax Christi International** and the **S&D Group** member **Marco Tarquinio**.

The meeting, which featured several **Members of the European Parliament** among the speakers, alongside experts in international law, civil society representatives and partner organisations, offered an important opportunity to analyse the key role of the European Union and its Member States within the current geopolitical context, marked by escalating global tensions. Power dynamics, deepening inequalities and the growing crisis of confidence in multilateral institutions highlight the risks for the United Nations in continuing to act as an impartial arbiter and a truly representative voice of the international community.

Several crucial issues were addressed during the discussions:

- the need to strengthen multilateral mechanisms to ensure that the UN can respond more effectively to contemporary conflicts;
- the inclusion of the voices of those, especially in the Global South, who feel unheard or under-represented in the dynamics linked to the use of the veto;

- the integral human disarmament as a broad ethical commitment not only to reducing weapons but to transforming the structures, mindsets, and fears that normalise violence in our world;
- the contribution the European Union can make in promoting structural reforms, particularly concerning the Security Council;
- the role of civil society organisations in supporting processes of peace, justice and reconciliation;
- the central importance of respecting international humanitarian law, which is increasingly being challenged in today's conflict zones.

The speakers emphasised the urgency of coordinated and coherent political action by the EU, capable of countering the erosion of multilateralism and revitalising international cooperation on fairer and more equitable foundations. Several contributions also highlighted the importance of a non-violent approach to conflict management and to the promotion of foreign policies grounded in human dignity.

The discussion also focused on how our resources should be devoted to preventing conflicts, caring for and protecting our planet, investing in an interfaith, intercultural, peaceful and nonviolent dialogue, and fostering education and meaningful opportunities for youth, which is not idealism but the only path capable of serving all peoples and *leaving no one behind*.

“What I call the European method, which earned us the Nobel Peace Prize in 2012, is today at risk of being undermined,” Tarquinio stated. “We are introducing, in our relations with several countries, clauses that are no longer primarily linked to fundamental values, but to human migratory mobility.”

During the meeting, participants also discussed the proposal–suggestion to make Strasbourg the new main headquarters of the United Nations. “Offering the world’s Assembly the vast and beautifully organised facilities of the European Parliament would be an extraordinary innovation, an act of generosity and vision by the EU and its most democratic institution,” Tarquinio underlined, and it could “support and facilitate an urgent and radical reform of the Security Council, which today reflects an image of the world as it was 80 years ago.”

The event concluded with the presentation of a **joint Manifesto** gathering concrete recommendations addressed to European institutions and Member States, calling for support for a United Nations reform process that is inclusive, transparent and oriented towards global justice.

A detailed report of the event, along with the available multimedia materials, will be provided in the coming days through the same channels.

