

RESOLUTIONS

Schiller Institute November 25-26 Conference

Helga Zepp-LaRouche proposed two resolutions at the Schiller Institute Conference in Bad Soden titled *Fulfilling the Dream of Mankind*. Both resolutions passed unanimously.

Europe Must End Poverty for Its 120 Million Poor by 2020

At this conference, with the title *Fulfilling the Dream of Mankind*, we discussed the incredible transformation of the world catalyzed by the Chinese initiative of the New Silk Road. The Belt and Road Initiative, which is creating optimism in Asia, Africa, Latin America, more and more states in Europe, and after the state visit of President Trump in China, in several states within the United States.

The Belt and Road Initiative has a concrete perspective for overcoming poverty and underdevelopment through investment in infrastructure, industry, and agriculture, based on scientific and technological progress. The Chinese government, which lifted 700 million people out of poverty in the last 30 years, has now proclaimed the goal to lift the remaining 42 million living in poverty out of their condition, and to create a decent living standard for the entire Chinese population by the year 2020.

Within the European Union, there are approximately 120 million people below the poverty line, according to our own criteria characterizing the costs of life. Given the fact that Europe is still an economic powerhouse, there is no plausible reason why Europe cannot lift these 120 million people out of poverty by the year 2020, as well. The best way to accomplish this is for the EU, for all European nations to accept the offer from China to cooperate with China in the Belt and Road Initiative on a “win-win” basis.

We, the participants of the Schiller Institute conference, call on all elected officials to join this appeal to the European governments. Should we in Europe not be

proud enough to say, if the Chinese can do this, we can do it, too?

The War and Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen

Given the documented fact that the war on Yemen, waged by the Saudi-led coalition since March 2015, has caused an unprecedented humanitarian crisis in this country as a result of the bombardment of the country’s infrastructure and the total blockade imposed by air, land and sea, the attendees of the Nov. 25-26, 2017 Schiller Institute international conference in Bad Soden, Germany call for:

1. An immediate ceasefire by all parties;
2. The lifting of the blockades imposed on the country, especially the port of Hodeida and the Sana’a International Airport, allowing in immediate humanitarian aid;
3. The return to the national reconciliation process and dialogue that was underway, but was interrupted by the war. (This negotiation process needs to be conducted under the UN umbrella, by only Yemeni national factions, without interference from regional or global powers, but with the sponsorship of Russia, China, and the United States as guarantors of the implementation of the final outcome of the dialogue.) The purpose of such negotiations is to find a political solution to the crisis in Yemen.
4. Assisting Yemen in a rapid and large-scale reconstruction process focused on infrastructure projects to regain the livelihood of the nation, and the integration of Yemen into the Belt and Road Initiative.