

# PETITION FOR A EUROPE FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE

The proposed European Constitution that follows was written by survivors of the WWII Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz. During their incarceration, the survivors witnessed firsthand how violations to the basic human rights to health and life that took place at Auschwitz were committed as a direct result of the corporate greed of the pharmaceutical, chemical and petrochemical cartel IG Farben. Deeply concerned by the current political direction that Europe is heading in, and especially by its growing disregard for human rights, the survivors are calling for a Europe for the People, by the People – as outlined in their proposed constitution, below. Please give it your support and sign the petition overleaf.

## Proposed Constitution of the Citizens of Europe

The most fundamental human rights are the rights to health and life. These rights are not only threatened by military conflicts, but also by corporate interests and their increasing attempts to exploit the human body and knowledge of it as their exclusive property and source of profits.

### **WE THEREFORE PROCLAIM AS INALIENABLE RIGHTS FOR EVERY EUROPEAN:**

#### **THE RIGHT TO HEALTH**

Our health and our bodies are the most valuable goods we have. They must not be exploited as a marketplace for patented drugs or any other form of commercialization. The expansion of diseases as markets for drugs is unconstitutional. Any healthcare system based on these principles and promoting them should be outlawed.

#### **THE RIGHT TO LIFE**

The genome of humans as the blueprint of life and the biological basis of our existence belongs to all mankind. Efforts to own this genetic code with the goal to re-build, sell and manipulate the human body or parts of it for corporate gain is unconstitutional and therefore prohibited.

#### **THE RIGHT TO NATURAL FOOD**

The genetic information of all plants and the food that has been growing in our fields and gardens for millennia belongs to all mankind. Manipulation and alteration of the genetic code of plants with the goal of patenting them and creating global market monopolies bears the danger that our food supplies are controlled by corporate interests. As with health and life, the monopolization of food leads to the control of entire societies.

Such activity is unconstitutional.

The reason why these fundamental human rights are not yet universally accepted and applied is the principle of patenting. Patents are the economic instrument for inflating returns on investments for entire industries including those industries that directly affect human health and life.

#### **LIFE MUST NOT BE PATENTED**

In order to enforce this principle and protect the health and lives of this and future generations of Europeans, patents in the fields of health, life and food are declared unconstitutional. We call upon the citizens of Europe who will read this proposed Constitution of the Citizens of Europe to support it with their signatures.

