

Let us fire all Diplomats of the European Union Diplomacy

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Europe is coward - the Italian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr. Frattini said in front of what they told Italy about the tragic exodus from Africa which will inexorably come: "*fight your own battle by yourself!*". There is a basic mistake, although, in what the Minister said: we cannot accuse Europe simply because "Europe is a bluff" as Professor Lucio Caracciolo - foremost expert in geopolitics - said many times.

It is a paper building, something existing just on paper; it has all the institutions of an immense State, but they have no connection with reality. The only real institution is the one that took away from us monetary sovereignty: the European Central Bank. All the rest is made of pure non-entities which siphon an enormous amount of money just pretending to be alive.

The most recent of these phony institutions is the High Representative for Foreign Affairs, a post given to the ineffable British Baroness Catherine Ashton. She is so convinced to be doing everything seriously that she created an enormous Diplomatic Service with a staff of about 8000 diplomats. In front of this, some European deputies said they are satisfied to see that Europe now has a wide and ambitious Diplomatic Office for the Community.

No doubts about this Office being "ample and ambitious", but for the rest we saw clearly - at its first fire test - that it would be better if this Office did not exist. Mrs. Ashton does not have the faintest idea of which Foreign Policy should be pursued within the European Union; she did not prepare any agreement among its members, therefore the old defensive instinct came out: "everybody on his own". She does not have an idea of which common Foreign Policy that should be pursued outside the Union. Therefore in Egypt they just slammed doors on her face. She was harshly criticized, but it must be acknowledged that the situation created by the rebellion in North Africa would be extremely difficult also for someone more expert than Mrs. Ashton. But in any case first of all she should have negotiated with all member states an agreement on a common European Foreign Policy. Instead, she spent more than one year in building a mastodontic monument to herself with delegations and

offices scattered in the most remote corners of the Earth - paid with our money.

Besides that, the real and catastrophic mistake was made within the Lisbon Treaty, when they decided to "jump forward" creating the High Representative for Foreign Affairs. It is obvious that its creation should have come only after the negotiation of a clear agreement on Foreign Policy undersigned by all member States. But this never happened in Europe during the many centuries of its long history; all politicians knew that even today a common Foreign Policy is an impossible dream. They asked Mrs. Ashton to carry out this task, knowing very well that she was the least apt for the most difficult and important appointment of the modern world: she has no experience or competence for it. But this proves that the European Union did not want and was not supposed to have a common Foreign Policy, since it was England and not Baroness Ashton who was in charge to lead it.

And in fact Prime Minister Cameron already went to Egypt to talk about its future government, not caring at all about the European High Representative. And Egypt did not slam the door on his face. This is how things really are, dear Minister Mr. Frattini. So it is better that Italy makes its decisions without expecting anything from the European Union. The first thing we must do is to close our national borders suspending the Schengen Treaty. And we must refuse to pay for the European diplomatic service, since it proved to be completely useless.

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