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For the Attention of:

President Schulz, President of the European Parliament
President Barroso, President of the European Commission
President Van Rompuy, President of the European Council
President Christofias, President of the Council of the European Union

The Nobel Prize – Create a special fund to support the fight against poverty, exclusion and discrimination

Dear Presidents

The award of the Nobel Prize to the European Union for its contribution to peace, reconciliation, democracy and human rights is as President Barroso said, “a message of hope and confidence in the EU at a time when the EU faces a great challenge”. With this honour comes the responsibility for EU Leaders to ensure that the EU will contribute to maintain peace and to ensure all human rights, including the right to live free of poverty and exclusion, are respected.

One symbolic but important aspect of winning this prize is how the European Union will use the money from the prize. Given the centrality of fighting poverty, exclusion and discrimination for social cohesion and to the maintenance of peace, we urge you to include in your consideration the creation of a special fund to support organisations fighting poverty, exclusion and inequality.

We are sure you will receive many suggestions for how best to use the prize. We hope our suggestion can be given serious consideration.

Yours sincerely



Sergio Aires
President



Fintan Farrell
Director