

Loppiano Conference Statement

on the Current Financial Crisis

We Christian business executives affiliated to UCID and the UNIAPAC network are conscious of the opportunity and the calling we have today of shaping the future by means of our individual action and personal responsibility.

In today's world the Christian proclamation of the paramount dignity of the human being as God's Creature, which is called to share His divinity, remains and one could say becomes even more crucial.

While acting in accordance with the policies implemented by the governments of our countries, we wish to stress once again our confidence in the primacy of:

- the human person as origin and end of all human endeavours;
- commitment to the formation of the youth according to these values;
- business enterprises, as communities of people and sources of continuing innovation, over the illusion of the so-called creative business;
- hope over the cynical acceptance of the events;
- real economy over paper economy;
- personal commitment for the promotion of growth and social mobility over collective fears to face the current crisis;
- an open society and a responsible market over the temptation to going back to protectionism;
- solidarity combined with subsidiarity over assistentialism and localism.

We trust in social, economic, cultural, and spiritual values over mere profit-making, while we engage ourselves in managing and developing real economy.

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