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BRITISH MONARCHY AT A CRITICAL CROSSROADS

Queen Elizabeth II, who died on 8 September 2022, ruled with unprecedented dignity and sense of historic responsibility.

The loss of Elizabeth takes place at an extremely difficult period both for Britain and the World. In Britain the voices in favor of abolition of monarchy and the Scottish independence, supported by powerful foreign circles, are louder than ever before creating destabilizing trends.

At the same time the controversies associated with members of the Royal Family have reached a critical level that can contribute, in synergy with the previous trends, to the quick destabilization of British Monarchy and Britain itself.

The stability of the British Monarchical System exerted historically a strong influence on the geopolitical stability of Europe, especially now days when the assertiveness of China, Putin's Russia, Turkey and Israel tests the nerves western powers and the endurance of the World Order they have established after WWII. This is particularly true for the fourth power which emerges again as an independent state after more than 2000 years, running a meteoric course the viability characteristics of which have not yet passed the cruel test of time.

For many centuries Britain, France, Austria and Russia formed the main pillars of an enduring power-balance system in Europe despite the serious disturbances it faced during the last 200 years. At the end of 18th century the internal order of Imperial France collapsed creating an unprecedented turmoil throughout Europe that lasted for almost half a century. Again, at the beginning of 20th century, the internal orders of Tsarist Russia and Imperial Austria collapsed creating an even worse turmoil which also lasted for almost half a century.

The prospect of a collapse of the British monarchical order emerges as a far more threatening eventuality that is expected to destabilize Europe for many generations to come.

Although we are confident enough that the British political system (which historically has exhibited an unprecedented endurance and political wisdom) has already taken all necessary precautions against such a dangerous eventuality, we still argue on this issue since we believe that for such a critical issue even the smallest possibility carries with it enormous risks.