



Mr. Donald Trump
President of the United States of America
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Mister President,

I am writing to you from Italy, six hours before Washington.

In 2016, I wrote to you that, in my opinion, your election as President of the United States was the lesser evil than that of Hillary Clinton.

Unfortunately, you have often had to decide based on false information and advice from people whose goal is not the well-being of the majority of citizens not only in the United States but of the world. Therefore, some of your social, civil, political and economic, internal and international choices have been and are, always in my humble opinion, completely wrong.

I will not give you any particular example. I only suggest that you ask for more expert and independent consultants than the current ones on the effects of your most important choices.

Moreover, I come to the fundamental reason for this letter.

On March 5, 2020, after a postponement, the 178th (Extraordinary) OPEC conference will be held in Vienna (Austria) and on March 6, 2020, also in Vienna, the eighth ministerial meeting of the OPEC and non-OPEC countries. In these meetings, the possibility that each exporting country may denominate the price of oil in its own national currency or in an international currency other than the dollar will be discussed.

Your advisors are likely to tell you that the issue is very serious because the United States risks losing the hegemony of the dollar. It is true. But, the best economists in your country will can confirm that the United States will not be able to continue to create dollars out of nowhere (in various forms) with which to pay for the goods and services produced in other countries.

You have the best universities, the best research institutes, the necessary natural resources, the workers you need and an internal demand that allow the United States and its people, all the people, to satisfy every need and every desire without excesses, so to live in peace.

On March 20, 2003, to prevent an OPEC conference, also in Vienna, from discussing the same topic (it was a question of deciding to name the price of oil not only in dollars but also in euros), the United States started early on expected time the invasion of Iraq, which had adopted the euro as the currency to name the oil price. In fact, the first decree issued by Paul Bremer, interim president of Iraq, was the renaming of the price of oil in dollars.

Now, it seems that anyone who has the possibility to promote any bilateral or plurilateral preventive agreement aimed at facilitating the discussions scheduled in Vienna on March 5 and 6, 2020 seems to be prevented. Starting with the killing of the Iranian general Qasem Soleimani. It will be useless. And dangerous. Among the countries interested in exporting hydrocarbons with currencies other than the dollar there are nuclear powers, equipped with highly prepared intelligence services and any action aimed at conditioning the discussions in Vienna would not go unnoticed, with the consequences that you can well imagine.

Better to let the world free to choose according to the general interest, believe me.

I trust in your reason and in your power.

Thanks for your attention.

Best regards.

February 15, 2020.

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