

President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Josep Borrell

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Dear President Ursula von der Leyen, Dear High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell,

Russia's unprovoked war of aggression against Ukraine has been met with justified sanctions by the European Union, which must be consistently implemented and further strengthened. The credibility and robustness of EU policy is inseparable from the full implementation of the sanctions, without exception for the Kaliningrad region, the Russian Federation.

Attempts by the Russian side, through information attacks and political pressure, to revise and reverse the implementation of the EU sanctions to its advantage, in particular for the transport of sanctioned goods through EU territory to Kaliningrad, are unacceptable. The EU cannot succumb to pressure from the aggressor and create extraterritorial exemptions and concessions through additional decisions.

We call on you, as leaders of the European Commission and the EEAS, to pursue a policy of solidarity and unified sanctions against Russia.

Sincerely,

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