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Dear President of the European Council,  
Dear President of the European Commission,  
Dear High Representative,

After the discovery of the horrendous Russian war crimes in Bucha, the ongoing devastation of Mariupol and the deportation of thousands of Ukrainian citizens into Russia, there is an urgent need to dramatically strengthen the sanctions against Putin's criminal regime.

We therefore urge you to immediately convene a special European Council meeting with the aim to impose :

- a full oil, gas and coal embargo;
- a closure of all ports to Russian vessels and goods;
- a full disconnection of all Russian banks from SWIFT;
- an extension of the sanctions list of Russian oligarchs, officials and civil servants based on the names provided by the foundation of Alexei Navalny.

As Putin concentrates now his brutal aggression on the East and the South of Ukraine and has even started an attack on the city of Odessa, there is also an urgent need to send more weaponry and military equipment including tanks, armored vehicles, heavy artillery, anti-ship missiles and more sophisticated anti-aircraft protection systems.

Besides new efforts by the member states of the European Union, we urge you to make full use of the EPF for that purpose.

As Europeans, we always say "never again", after the 20th century genocides on our continent. Do we mean those words? This is our reckoning.

Best regards,

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