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The need to reassess European Union's strategic interests in the domain of regional and international security

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We, the undersigned, declare the following:

Taking into account the ongoing brutal aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, we express our full support to Ukraine in its struggle for freedom, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

We welcome President Macron's recent recognition that Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity are preconditions for European security and the security of all Europeans.

We emphasise the fact that Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity are existential for the European Union, and should be considered as a "strategic interest", which makes it possible to further use the provisions of Article 42 of the Treaty on European Union, including missions outside to maintain peace, prevent conflicts and strengthen international security; co-ordinations within Common Security and Defense Policy; as well as obligations to aid and assist Ukraine by all possible means.

In this regard, we call on member States of the European Union, the European Commission, the European Council and the European Parliament to:

– consider using the provisions of Articles 22 and 42 of the Treaty on European Union to assist Ukraine;

– immediately consider the practical implementation of Articles 22 and 42 for prevention and resolution of conflicts in Europe, outside the European Union.

Signed (see overleaf)

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