JOINT STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES

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We, the Chairs of the Foreign Affairs Committees of European parliaments, call upon President Trump and the U.S. Congress to demonstrate true leadership in confronting the global threat posed by Russia as an aggressor state.

We urge an end to the policy of appeasement and call instead for a united, resolute stance against Russia's terrorist regime. We strongly warn against yielding to its blackmail and deception.

Strong leadership is also needed across European countries, along with reinforced transatlantic solidarity.

We call on European countries to immediately confiscate Russia's frozen assets and redirect them to support Ukraine.

There can be no compromise and no external pressure on Ukraine regarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

We call upon the United States and other NATO members to admit Ukraine into NATO without delay.

We urge the EU Member States to accelerate Ukraine's accession to the European Union.

We must not repeat the mistakes of Munich in 1938.

Negotiating with the war criminal Putin is evidently futile; his main objective is to undermine and humiliate our ally, the United States.

We call upon all states to ensure that Vladimir Putin and all those complicit in his crimes are brought to justice. Lasting peace and security are impossible without accountability for the war crimes committed by his regime.

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