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To:

Charles Michel,

President of the European Council

Ursula von der Leyen,

President of the European Commission

Brussels, 02 April 2021

Dear President Von der Leyen,
Dear President Michel,

Ahead of your meeting with the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan that should take place on 6 April, we would like to make sure that your agenda includes the subjects that the European Parliament raises annually institutionally, through the Turkey Progress Reports and all relevant Resolutions, listening to the citizens' request for international legitimacy and justice and to all related UN Security Council Resolutions.

The key issue that the EU needs to raise with Turkey is the withdrawal of the illegal Turkish troops from Cyprus.

It is vital, in order to resolve this issue, to stop postponing it to perpetuity and prefer not to rely on pressures for "dialogue" between the perpetrator and victim.

It must be made clear that even the Turkish people will benefit from the withdrawal of the Turkish occupation troops that bloodshed Cyprus, making it suffer and dividing it for 46 years, and begin a virtuous cycle of prosperity and development for the entire Eastern Mediterranean.

In addition, committed to the principles and values on which the European Union is found, we must raise the issue of demilitarization of Turkey, which will contribute catalytically to:

- 1) respecting the national sovereignty of a number of countries in Europe, Africa and Asia.
- 2) readjusting the priorities of Turkey closer our values.
- 3) enhancing the prosperity of many peoples that have been tormented by wars in which Turkey was directly or indirectly involved.

This Strategic Transition may disrupt the short-term interests of the European defence industry, but soon new economic opportunities will flourish on both sides, and above all for the stability and strength of the European project.

Yours sincerely,

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