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President of the European Council

Mrs Ursula VON DER LEYEN
President of the European Commission

Mr David Maria SASSOLI,
President of the European Parliament

Your Excellencies,

In my capacity as President in Office, I have the privilege to submit to your kind attention and evaluation a unanimously agreed Policy Proposal "Recommendations on EU Defence" resulting from an EURODEFENSE study.

EURODEFENSE is a network of fifteen national non-profit chapters, working together, on the basis of its 2006 Charter, to promote and contribute to the setting up of a credible and effective European defence and security.

It has been engaging in relations with national and European authorities for many years, taking up a clear and positive stance on the development of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP).

Our members have great expertise on security and defence policies and strategies, having been in the highest positions in their respective national defence organisations and with long experience in multinational, allied or EU operations and missions.

In full awareness of the difficulties in finding consensus between EU member states, this report offers important steps within a consistent perspective towards a common defence of the European Union as laid down in the Lisbon Treaty Article 11. Acknowledging that the report raises further issues regarding common capabilities as well as more broader issues, we will continue to work on these in upcoming months.

We want to thank you very much for your kind attention and express our full support for the future development of the CSDP.

Yours sincerely,

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for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,
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