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(Care of its esteemed President Mr. Martin Schulz)

"Mr. President, respected dear members of the European Parliament,

In this historic period, which is being swept by an "Armageddon" of economic, political and social crises occurring at various levels and regions of Europe and beyond it, the European Parliament, the democratic institution for the representation of the Peoples of Europe, **is called upon** to weigh and set priorities and responsibilities among which one of the most important is the <u>energy security of Europe</u>.

This kind of security depends, to a great extend, on the energy sources – the existing ones as well as those that will be discovered in the future – in the land and marine areas of the territory of the 27 Member States of the EU.

Hence the issue regarding the protection of the European borders and <u>the marine zones of economic interest associated to these</u>, as well as the resulting establishing and delineation of the said areas (as Exclusive Economic Zones – EEZ) has assumed considerable proportions.

The above crucial priority (besides the protection of the borders) pertains to the delineation and declaration of the EEZ of the European Countries – in compliance to the International Law and the Law of the Sea – on the basis of decisions both of the European Commission and mainly of the European Parliament in close cooperation with the National Governments and Parliaments.

Any delay on this crucial issue – taking also into consideration the great global geostrategic interest in the field of energy – is bound to have serious consequences.

Any negligence now will have a great cost for the Europe of the 27 in the future, both political and economic.

Mister President, Ladies and Gentlemen Colleagues we urge you to act. The peoples of Europe are watching, are anxious and judge."

On behalf of the Association's bureau

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