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to the Council (President of the European Council)
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Subject: PCE/PEC - Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), 16-17 October 2014, Milan, Italy

The next Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), to be hosted by Italy in Milan on 16 and 17 October 2014, will feature the Heads of State and Government of some 50 member countries. Soon to have 52 partners representing more than 60 % of the world's population and half of the world's GDP, and including a significant number of the Union's strategic partners and many G20 nations, the ASEM has counted the Russian Federation amongst its members since 2010.

Will this summit, which will focus on the theme of 'Responsible Partnership for Sustainable Growth and Security' and be chaired by the President of the European Council, address the current security challenges and crises in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood?