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to the Commission**
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Subject: Federal proposal for Ukraine

In the past few weeks the intensity of the armed conflict in Ukraine has markedly diminished. Despite various setbacks the Minsk Protocol provides a suitable framework for shoring up the ceasefire declared by both sides and leading to an eventual definitive cessation of hostilities.

It seems clear, however, that the time is approaching when a lasting solution will have to be found so as to guarantee normal living conditions in the Donbass, while at the same time ensuring peace in Ukraine. This will entail discussing the country's political structure, which is being challenged by a substantial part of the population.

Bearing in mind their differences, the situation is not unlike that of Bosnia and Herzegovina, a country whose political structure was subjected to a terrible civil war following its proclamation of independence. From the start, the former European Community supported various proposals for peace that involved the federalisation of that country.

In the Commission's view, might the definitive solution to the Ukraine conflict entail offering the parties involved a federal or confederal pact to ensure self-government and peaceful coexistence among all Ukrainians?