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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Impact of Global Strategy on Eastern Partnership policy

Today's political and security landscape has changed dramatically, and for the worse. The need for a new EU Global Strategy was clear to all of us as we started our mandate. The world has changed and the EU ought to have a pragmatic rationale – a new mission statement which clearly identifies objectives, interests, instruments and partners. I would like to thank the VP/HR, not only for the document presented by her to us but also for her tremendous efforts and the many achievements thus far.

While the very existence of the Union as we know it is being challenged at its core from inside, our own citizens and Member States and the world at large need the EU more than ever before. And this can only mean one thing: we need more EU, not less.

We have a duty to deliver to our citizens, but also a responsibility not to forget about our Eastern partners – countries that often believe in our European project more than we do ourselves and aspire to be part of a common European vision, the Union of our founding fathers.

How will the Global Strategy affect the EU's current policy vis-à-vis Eastern neighbours and its implementation?