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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: The European Union's dangerous mission ASPIDES

The EU is going ahead with launching military Operation ASPIDES (EUNAVFOR ASPIDES) in the war in the Red Sea. The operation commander is a Greek commodore, while the operational headquarters for Operation ASPIDES will be in Larisa.

The launching of Operation ASPIDES is a further step in the escalation of EU aggressiveness and militarisation. The rivalry between the USA-EU-NATO and China-Russia is leading the EU staffs into setting up mission ASPIDES in order to promote economic, political and military interests of European Union monopolies in the Red Sea region and beyond. The military operations Prosperity Guardian and ASPIDES throw more oil on the flames of the confrontations in the Middle East region, and at a time when the massacre of the Palestinians by the State of Israel, the imperialist war in the Ukraine and the war in the Yemen are continuing.

The participation of the Greek Government in Euro-Atlantic missions and the NATO equipment and American bases in Greece, which mark the policy of all governments, embroil the country still further in the dangerous imperialist plans.

What is the position of the Commission Vice-President/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy regarding the EU's military Operation ASPIDES, which escalates the war in the area by supporting the State of Israel, which is murdering the Palestinian people, and places the lives of the crews of both military and commercial vessels at risk to serve Euro-Atlantic plans and the interests of ship-owners?

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