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Mr Charles MICHEL
President of the European Council

Mrs Ursula VON DER LEYEN
President of the European Commission

Mrs Roberta METSOLA, President of the European Parliament

Your Excellency,

In my capacity as President in Office, I have the privilege to submit to your kind attention and evaluation our unanimously agreed Policy Proposal “Recommendations on EU Energy, Security and Defence” resulting from an EURODEFENSE study.

EURODEFENSE is a network of fourteen national non-profit associations, working together, on the basis of its 2006 Charter, to promote and contribute to the setting up of a credible and effective European defence and security.

Our members have great expertise on security and defence policies and strategies, having been in the highest positions in their respective national defence organisations and with long experience in multinational, allied or EU operations and missions.

The aim of this report is to focus on the realignment of Security and Defence in Europe in the face of the challenges of ongoing climate change and the consequent energy transition, in particular by taking into account the structural developments arising from the European Green Deal, the EU Strategic Compass, the Climate Change and Defence Roadmap as well as the European Commission’s recent “defence package”. The document covers 3 different areas : a geopolitical perspective, energy policies and models, and a technological perspective.

A combination of national efforts, multinational cooperation and Defence Industry's inputs, realistically coordinated at EU level, will be important to respond to many challenges. Essential issues will be to ensure energy supply to the armed forces, and get the innovation

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necessary to insure their technological autonomy. For this purpose, we suggest to use EDF funds to ensure timely and effective availability of new energy sources for our armed forces.

We will appreciate your remarks to orient our future work.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures

Document "Recommendations on EU Energy, Security and Defence"

Annex A : [EWG-26B-ANNEX-A-SUBGROUP-A.pdf \(eurodefense.eu\)](#)

Annex B : [EWG-26B-ANNEX-B-SUBGROUP-B.pdf \(eurodefense.eu\)](#)

Annex C : [EWG26B-sub-C-Final-Report_SUBMITTED_JBRv01 \(eurodefense.eu\)](#)

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