



Member of the European Parliament

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Dear President,

I read with interest your letter to leaders in advance of the forthcoming European Council informal summit on 3 February. You alluded to the ‘worrying declarations by the new American administration’. I am afraid it is more than that and would like to focus your attention on the Executive Order by the President of the USA on 27 January 2017, which clearly violates international law, including most flagrantly the Geneva Convention and specifically the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, of which the US is a signatory.

As the European Union has always stood for compliance with international law, I ask you to press this issue during the meeting with European leaders. I am convinced that it is in the EU’s fundamental interest to continue to insist that international law is observed. And, if necessary, to use all available instruments to ensure that this is the case, including targeted restrictive measures to be taken against international law violator(s) if the behaviour persists. It has been usually the case that such a firm response of the international community from the outset also prevented further and extensive breaches of international law.

Yours sincerely,

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