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## **Declaration on Peace in Europe and the World of the Presidency of the Pan-European Union**

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On the occasion of the international conference “Peace in Europe and the World”, organised by the Croatian Pan-European Union in cooperation with the International Pan-European Union and the Pan-European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Zagreb and Banja Luka, the Council of Presidency of the International Pan-European Union, at the meeting on 29 October 2023 in Zagreb, has adopted the following declaration.

1. The Pan-European Union was founded a hundred years ago to prevent the return of war by building up a united Europe. After the rise of totalitarian regimes in Europe, it was relaunched after the Second World War to avoid repeating the tragic events of the 1930s. Nowadays it pursues the main mission of working for the further development of the European Union.
2. The great changes of the contemporary world have shaken up the international order of the Cold War period that was established between 1945 and the fall of the Berlin Wall. The bipolar order has been replaced by multipolarity. The Pan-European Union, as a pioneer and champion of a united Europe that stands for peace in Europe and in the world, advocates the preservation and strengthening of a peaceful world order based on the principles of the United Nations Charter, and the prohibition of aggression and violent occupation of territories of other countries.
3. The world today is characterised by a number of conflicts, from the Russian aggression and destruction war against Ukraine, over the ethnic cleansing in Nagorno-Karabakh and the terrorist war of Hamas against Israel, to the continuing provocations of Serbia against its neighbour Kosovo. In this situation the European Union has to strengthen its foreign and security political dimensions and has to become a strong

partner for Liberty, Rule of Law, Democracy and Social and Environment-Sensitive Market Economy.

4. The Pan-European-Union therefore demands for Ukraine:

- Delivery of all humanitarian and military aid to Ukraine that Kyiv needs.
- Clear definition of the aim of the defence war: restoration of the territorial integrity of Ukraine.
- Reparation payments of Russia to repair the war damage in Ukraine as well as reparation for the Ukrainian victims of war. Creation of the legal framework, to be able to use Russian assets frozen in the West for these reparations.
- Support of the civil society in Russia, that works for a democratic development of the country and advocates sound development of the Rule of Law in Russia.

5. The Pan-European-Union further demands for Armenia and Azerbaijan:

- Clear condemnation of the war of Azerbaijan against the Armenian civil society and the ethnic cleansing in Nagorno Karabakh.
- Recognition of Armenia as a part of the European community of values.
- A clear European strategy to integrate the macro-region Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia and Moldova into the European community of values – conversion of the eastern European neighbourhood-policy of the European Union into a real European perspective.

6. We Pan-Europeans demand from those responsible for the foreign policy of the European Union concerning Israel:

- A clear position to support the right of Israel to defence.
- The use of all legal means in the EU countries to prevent demonstrations that glorify terror, demand the annihilation of Israel or openly propagate antisemitism.
- A thorough control of the money going to Palestinians to avoid corruption and to completely stop the use of these funds for terrorists.
- A sincere humanitarian care for the Palestinians who are hostages of the Hamas and victims of war.

7. We call for the continuation of the European Union enlargement process for the remaining candidate countries from Southeast Europe that clearly accept European values and political orientation up to their full membership: Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. Each of these countries

must be given the opportunity to join the European Union as soon as it fulfils all the conditions for membership.

8. We support the decision of the European Council in 2022 to grant candidate status to Bosnia and Herzegovina and demand that the negotiations be conducted faster in the hope that the EU accession process will gain new momentum. We summon the political representatives in Bosnia and Herzegovina to fully respect the equal rights of its constitutive peoples and the will of the citizens, the majority of whom desire for their country to be a fully integrated EU member state.

9. The Pan-European Union supports the activity of the European Centre for Peace and Cooperation “Maria Star” in Banja Luka which builds bridges of cooperation and dialogue between peoples, religions and cultures.

10. For Kosovo and Serbia the Pan-European Union demands:

- The end of the EU sanctions against the Republic of Kosovo.
- A clear positioning against the threats from Belgrade against Kosovo.
- An end to all EU transfer payments to Belgrade if the Serbian government is not ready to take a clear European position.
- The recognition of the Republic of Kosovo in all countries of the European Union and Europe.

11. The Pan-European Union supports and advocates the immediate accession of Rumania and Bulgaria to the Schengen area.

12. Concerning the European Foreign and Security Policy, the Pan-European Union declares: It is time for the EU to introduce a true European Foreign and Security Policy. European Foreign Policy does not only mean the coordination of the Foreign Policy of 27 member States through the High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy. It means an EU Ministry for Foreign Affairs and a Ministry of Defence with a European Minister of Foreign Affairs and a Minister of Defence at their head respectively.

For this purpose, the European Union needs the nucleus of a European constitution, in which the exact competences of Foreign and Defence Policy are described.

The European Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defence would work directly under the Parliamentary control of the European Parliament elected directly by the citizens of the European Union. This is real sovereignty, which means the capability to act and create strategy.