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Dear Leaders of the EU,
Dear High Representative/Vice President,
Dear Commissioner,

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, would like to draw your attention to the urgent need to boost the Military Mobility program. In the face of Russia's full scale military invasion in Ukraine the EU Member States and NATO partners embarked on speedy planning to step up collective defence capabilities in the Eastern countries of the EU. To facilitate the increased forces stationing in the Eastern EU Member States and to enable swift deployment of the military and civilian resources in case of a conflict, we need to intensify the efforts to enhance military mobility as it is rightly emphasised in the Strategic Compass and in the Versailles declaration.

As foreseen in the Strategic Compass, by the end of 2022 the EU will take new commitments with the aim to substantially enhance and invest in military mobility and for the future will further increase and leverage investment for that purpose. In the light of these further commitments and the new geopolitical challenges, we stress the need for intensifying the work on this policy.

- **A greater funding** in the shortest time for the military mobility projects to boost implementation of the required infrastructural investments.

- **Increasing the proportion of the EU co-funding rate** for military mobility projects, as a minimum for the strategically urgent projects, in particular in the Eastern part of the EU.
- **A simplified procedures** for evaluation of CEF Military mobility project applications, that would significantly save time and enable project implementers to speed up the implementation of projects.
- **A simplified Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) obligation** for military mobility projects, which would allow performing the full EIA as part of the project implementation after the evaluation and approval of applications.

We need to match the ambition expressed in the Strategic Compass and in the Versailles declaration with the concrete actions that would allow to react promptly and efficiently to the current security crisis that Europe faces and would boost the security of the EU as a whole.

Sincerely,

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