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Dear High Representative/Vice-President,

We are writing to you to express our deep concern over the deteriorating situation in Eastern Ukraine.

For the last three days, massive attacks are being carried out across the contact line by the Russian military forces. As a result, 8 Ukrainian soldiers were killed and 26 wounded.

Because of the shelling of the residential areas in the cities of Avdiyivka and Yasinovata, more than 400,000 peaceful civilians have currently no access to water, electricity and heating. If that continues, a humanitarian catastrophe in these harsh winter conditions will be imminent.

A resolute political pressure is needed on behalf of the EU in order to stop Russia's hostilities immediately. We urge you to intervene with no delay so that the ceasefire is complied with and Minsk agreements are fully respected by Russia.

Yours sincerely,

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