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Sehr verehrte Frau Bundeskanzlerin,

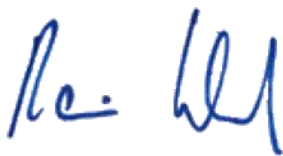
Following the decision of Britain to leave the EU, now is the time to openly discuss the state of our Union, and offer bold solutions to the pressing challenges facing all European citizens as well as organised civil society. Ahead of the meeting between Germany, France and Italy in Ventotene, that will discuss Europe's way forward, the European Movement offers key proposals that lend a vision of reform for a shared, united future:

- **Meaningful participation and transparency:** Improving citizens' trust is crucial for legitimate European policies, and could be achieved through the implementation of Article 11 of the Lisbon Treaty, structured stakeholder consultations, a mandatory transparency register and strengthening the link between parties and the European public in European elections.
- **Prosperity, economic stability, and social protection:** A comprehensive and democratically accountable Economic and Monetary Union, with increased budgetary and fiscal coordination; a fiscal capacity based on own resources; a social dimension, and EU-level governance system, is essential to maintain and improve our prosperity, economic stability, and social rights.
- **A common market that works for everyone:** A consolidation and extension of the Single Market is needed to ensure the sustainable economic development of Europe. Initiatives such as the Energy Union and Digital Single Market are very welcome if they pursue the interests of all Europeans, safeguarding citizens' rights and protections.
- **Open borders and freedom of movement:** Freedom of movement and open borders are essential to the economic prosperity of the EU. Gaps in the current system can be addressed through the joint management of Europe's outer border, investment in intelligence gathering and sharing, and a sound Common European Immigration and Asylum System.

- **Security and a strong international position:** A joint message and common strategy are needed to respond to security challenges, as well as increased defence cooperation in existing and new areas, such as cybersecurity. Further, a credible Enlargement perspective can bring about positive change in the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership countries.
- **The integrity and defence of European values and rights:** The European Union can only safeguard its standing and reach its objectives if it ensures that its core principles will not be compromised. Violations of the founding values should carry with it sanctions, while all rights conferred upon EU citizens should be guaranteed by the EU.

The European Movement has worked for decades to edge European integration forward. At this crucial juncture for the European project we remain at the forefront of bold thinking on our Union's future. Our citizen-based, Europe-wide network offers thought-through policy alternatives for a common future that aims to engage civil society's concerns. We encourage you to consider our proposals; our experts are always on hand to speak in more detail on the pertinent issues facing our continent.

Yours sincerely,



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