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DECLARATION

United for a Europe of Peace

The participants in the international conference *"United for a Europe of Peace"*, representing Pan-European organisations from Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Ukraine, gathered in Zagreb and Karlovac from 22 to 24 October 2026, hereby adopt the following

DECLARATION

1. We reaffirm our determination and commitment to realising the original Pan-European vision of a united Europe of peace, solidarity and cooperation: a democratic, strong and independent Europe capable of defending its freedom, safeguarding its values and promoting peace throughout the world.

2. We call upon the European Parliament, the European Council, the European Commission, the Member States of the European Union and all European citizens to awaken politically, act decisively and stand united against internal and external forces that threaten the European unity in diversity achieved to date, peace, freedoms and the democratic institutions of the European Union.

3. We call for stronger European security and defence and closer cooperation in developing defence capabilities, jointly procuring defence equipment for the purpose of deterring the threat of war, as well as cooperation in protecting critical infrastructure and countering cyber threats.

4. We oppose imperialist ambitions, aggression against sovereign states and any attempts to divide the world once again into spheres of influence dominated by major powers. In the spirit of subsidiarity, we support dialogue, the diplomatic resolution of problems, multilateralism, and the addressing of international and global issues at an appropriate level of international cooperation.

5. We support the continuation of political, economic and military assistance to Ukraine and its efforts to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, with the aim of achieving a just and lasting peace and safeguarding the international legal order.

6. We welcome efforts to accelerate the enlargement of the European Union on the basis of clear and measurable accession criteria, particularly with regard to the countries of South-Eastern Europe, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, and other aspirant countries, while consistently upholding the principles of democracy, the rule of law and the protection of human rights, and good relations with neighbours, especially within the European Union.

7. We advocate greater investment in European energy security, stronger industrial competitiveness, and the advancement of scientific research, emerging technologies and artificial intelligence in accordance with appropriate human responsibility and under ethical and legal oversight of that development.

8. We call for the European Union to achieve the greatest possible degree of self-sufficiency and independence in food production, in a manner that is as environmentally, health-wise, and ethically acceptable as possible. We advocate for the preservation of nature and the enhancement of all fundamental conditions for a good quality of life: healthy air, clean water, the prevention of soil pollution, biodiversity, and the safeguarding of the climate balance.

9. We call for more effective involvement of young people in decision-making processes, their more active participation in European institutions, Pan-European organisations and public debate, and the development of educational programmes that promote European cultural and linguistic heritage, history, responsible citizenship and democratic culture.

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