European Council
The President

Brussels, 05 November 2026

Dear Giorgia,

Thank you for your letter and for setting out your concerns so clearly. In light of the immense human suffering caused by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, and its profound implications for Europe's security, I agree with you that Europe needs to act with coherence, unity and determination.

I also share your view that the European Union must be properly involved in discussions that shape Europe's security and Ukraine's future. The European Union's participation must be organised in a manner that enables it to convey a clear and unified message, to defend its interests and to support Ukraine.

Indeed, the European Union's interests need to be represented by its institutions, in accordance with the Treaties. As you know, I have raised this issue on several previous occasions in our discussions between Leaders.

I take note of your request to discuss this matter further at the forthcoming informal European Council meeting in Dublin, and I will make time for this discussion.

I am convinced that our shared interest is to ensure that the European Union contributes effectively to a just, lasting and sustainable peace, in close cooperation with Ukraine and our other partners.

Yours sincerely,

António Costa.

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