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*To the kind attention of Jean-Claude Juncker
President of the European Commission*

Dear Mr Juncker,

In the current geopolitical and strategic environment, security is a major concern for people and a priority for the EU. In this context, strategic questions - such as "*Whom do we defend? What are the new security threats?*" - have to be re-examined.

The EU Heads of State and Government will discuss on 22-23 June 2017 the strengthening of European cooperation on security and defence. Since the endorsement of the EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy one year ago, the EU has shown quite significant progress in its implementation.

The Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU (COMECE) has actively contributed to the drafting process of the Global Strategy. Now, ahead of the European Council, it takes the opportunity to assess the first steps in the follow-up and to make some concrete proposals on security and defence.

The **COMECE contribution**, entitled "*Whose Security? Whose Defence?*", stresses that a narrow understanding of security can only provide a partial response to the variety of threats faced by the people today. In order to address these challenges effectively and comprehensively, the future European security and defence should, in particular:

- be based on **clear strategic objectives**,
- be oriented towards **human security and sustainable peace**,
- ensure effective and adequate **protection of people**, and

- be understood as a **global concept** embedded in an authentic European peace policy.

It is my pleasure to send you enclosed a copy of the COMECE publication. We hope that the document may be of assistance to you and contribute to the debate on the future of European Security and Defence. We would be pleased to further exchange and continue the dialogue with you on this important matter.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

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