

Translation

Dear ...,

The European project is going through a serious crisis of confidence. Many people wonder whether we will succeed in mastering the sovereign debt crisis, which has long since acquired a political dimension and is fanning doubts about the very idea of Europe. To secure the European project in the long term, we must be able to restore confidence in the short term. To achieve this, we need a long term perspective stressing Europe's determination to uphold its interests.

In March of this year, an informal group of European Foreign Ministers met to reflect together on the future of Europe beyond the current crisis and held several meetings. This initiative rests on the conviction: if we are aware of our objectives, we will be able to tackle this acute crisis better and take the right decisions. We are convinced that it is crucial to stir up the political debate on Europe's future shape in the European Union member states.

Enclosed please find attached an Interim report we drafted jointly after three rounds of discussions in Berlin, Brussels and Vienna, which contains the personal opinions of the participants. Further meetings are to follow.

I would be delighted to have your assessment, your opinion and proposals on this Interim report.

Yours sincerely,