

Strasbourg, 21 January 2026

Dear President of the European Council António Costa,  
Dear President of the Commission Ursula von der Leyen,

We are writing to urge the European Commission to take a clear and united stance in calling on all EU Member States not to join or otherwise participate in U.S. President Donald Trump's so-called "Peace Council".

The initiative is presented as a forum for peace, but must be understood in its political context. Trump's "Peace Council" is an attempt to create a parallel structure that weakens our established, legitimate multilateral institutions such as the United Nations, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Criminal Court (ICC), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). These institutions are founded on international law, broad legitimacy and long-term trust — values that the EU has a responsibility to uphold and strengthen, not erode by lending legitimacy to politically motivated alternatives.

Furthermore, U.S. foreign policy under its current administration is not based on peaceful coexistence with EU and its Member States. Particularly alarming are the repeated threats directed at Greenland, which run counter to international law, the principle of territorial integrity, and the right of peoples to self-determination. The EU cannot remain passive when such fundamental principles are openly challenged.

The EU's credibility as a global actor depends on a consistent defence of multilateralism, international law and democratic principles. Any form of participation in, or endorsement of, initiatives designed to bypass or weaken such frameworks is utterly incompatible with the EU's fundamental values and foreign policy objectives.

In light of this, we call on the European Commission to:

- Clearly distance itself from Donald Trump's so-called "Peace Council".
- Actively urge all EU Member States not to join or otherwise participate in Trump's "Peace Council".
- Reaffirm the EU's firm and continued support for the UN system and other core international institutions.

The EU must stand up for the international order and must not contribute to legitimising projects that threaten international law, peace, and global stability.



Yours sincerely,

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