



**Ms Kaja Kallas**

High Representative / Vice President of the European Commission  
Rue de la Loi 200  
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In Strasbourg, 20 January 2026

Dear High Representative Kallas,

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, are writing to **call for decisive EU-level action** to address a clear and preventable security risk.

Based on the initiative of several Baltic and northern countries, we urge the European Union to introduce **EU-wide entry and visa bans for individuals who have participated in Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine**.

Article 6 of the **Schengen Borders Code** allows refusal of entry to third-country nationals who are considered a threat to public policy, internal security, or international relations. In parallel, Article 215 **TFEU** provides a clear legal basis for restrictive measures, including entry bans, against individuals linked to actions undermining international peace and security.

Individuals who fought for Russian armed or affiliated forces cannot be treated as ordinary travellers. They may present risks related to radicalisation, foreign interference, intelligence activity, or organised violence.

We therefore call on you, as High Representative and Vice-President of the Commission, to initiate a coordinated EU framework that ensures:

- **systematic entry and visa bans** for third-country nationals who participated in Russia's military aggression;
- **enhanced information-sharing** and screening mechanisms among Member States;
- **full alignment with existing EU sanctions regimes** and the Schengen acquis.

The European Union cannot credibly defend international law while offering freedom of movement to those who actively violated it on the battlefield. We stand ready to support this initiative politically and legislatively and expect strong leadership at EU level.

Yours sincerely,

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