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Dear Ms. President,

On behalf of the Democratic Forces of Belarus and other Belarusian organizations which are part of the civil society of Belarus, the association Belarusian Diaspora in Austria sends you the following statement to denounce agreements that were illegally concluded on behalf of the Republic of Belarus, and therefore are legally void. We kindly ask you to inform the European Commission about this statement.

Sincerely yours Eugen Povarkov Vice President Ass. Belarusian Diaspora in Austria

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We, the People of Belarus, represented by the participants of the Democratic Forces of Belarus, as well as representatives of political parties, diaspora and other Belarusian public organisations and military formations would like to draw attention to the indisputable facts stated below:

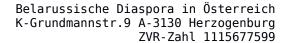
- a) Numerous times since 1996, Alexander Lukashenko has been refused to be recognised as the President of the Republic of Belarus by the international community. Similarly, appointed by him the so-called parliament and the so-called government have not receive the recognition as lawful and legitimate representatives of Belarusian nation;
- b) Regardless of the clause a) the mandate of A.G. Lukashenko as President of the Republic of Belarus expired on July 20, 1999;
- c) Neither the Lukashenko group with all the properties of a criminal organisation, nor its authorities having numerous signs of occupation regime, are not legitimised by the people of Belarus to rule the country;
- d) The people of Belarus are the exclusive bearer of sovereignty and the source of any power in the Republic of Belarus. Therefore, any group of the people of Belarus, as an *ultima ratio*, on the basis of the natural right to rebellion and resistance to tyranny, has the right to legitimise itself for any kind of action to force the Lukashenko group to leave power, establish freedom in the country and return the opportunity to exercise their sovereign rights to the people of Belarus;

Based on the above stated clauses, we, previously mentioned, declare the following:

- 1. Not a single person from the "government", "parliament", "diplomatic corps" and other similar organisations belonging to Lukashenko's criminal group or affiliated with it can represent the Republic of Belarus, make statements on behalf of the people of Belarus, express their will, state their rights, enter to any treaties, and perform other actions of legal nature.
- 2. It follows from paragraph 1 that the agreements listed in Appendix 1 to this document, as well as any non-listed, secret and disclosed, international and internal agreements, conventions, accessions to unions, etc., that violate or jeopardise
  - the status of the people of Belarus as an exclusive sovereign,
  - the independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Belarus,
  - the principle of comprehensive political freedom of the people of Belarus,
  - the principle of the rule of law and equality of all before the law,
  - the rights and freedoms described in the Declaration of Human Rights,

concluded by the Lukashenko group and persons affiliated with it are recognised as invalid and legally void. The people of Belarus do not bear any obligations neither to the parties of the agreements nor to third parties.

3. The fairness and legality of this statement cannot be guestioned.





Dear Sir or Madam,

We urge you to take the above into account when considering issues and making decisions related to the situation around the Republic of Belarus.

Yours Sincerely

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## Annex 1

- 1. Treaty on the Creation of the Union State of Belarus and Russia of December  $8^{\rm th}$ , 1999, and all agreements related to it.
- 2. Agreement on creation of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002; Statute and Agreement on the legal status of CSTO of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002, and the following.
- 3. Accession to the Eurasian Economic Union and agreements related to it.
  - Accession to the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) and agreements related to it.
- 4. All agreements with the Russian Federation related to the division of property of the USSR.
- 5. All agreements with the Russian Federation and other countries aimed at suppression of civil liberties either in the countries-parties of the agreement or in third countries or carrying out any form of aggression against third countries.
- 6. All agreements with the Russian Federation related to military cooperation, cooperation between the state police and special services, the propaganda apparatus, including television and radio broadcasting, and the activities of organisations working directly or indirectly within the framework of the Russkiy Mir Foundation.