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INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOKLET

*This week in Strasbourg, the priority for Patriots for Europe will be the debate on **the situation in Cuba**. This is a decisive moment. After decades of communist dictatorship, real change is possible, and the European Union must finally move from endless monitoring to concrete action. We cannot remain passive spectators any longer.*

The resolution we will vote on in June must be clear and firm: end all financial support, cut every tie that props up the regime, and stand unequivocally with the Cuban people who deserve freedom and prosperity. A strong majority is within reach. Patriots will work hard to secure a bold text that truly helps bring democracy back to Cuba.

*We also strongly support extending the working group on **the scrutiny of NGO financing within the EU institutions**. Citizens have the right to full transparency on who funds political activities in Brussels. Some groups are trying to block this, but we will keep pushing until there is complete clarity and accountability.*

*This plenary also highlights a deeper issue in the European institutions. While we focus on real crises, the establishment continues its tradition of self-congratulation. The newly created **European Order of Merit**, awarded for the first time with Angela Merkel among the recipients, was rushed through behind closed doors without proper democratic debate, consultation with national parliaments, or a transparent vote in the full House. Such decisions, taken in backrooms and presented as 'faits accomplis', perfectly illustrate how disconnected parts of the Brussels elite have become from ordinary citizens.*

*Patriots for Europe reject this approach. **We stand for a Europe of sovereign nations, where decisions are taken transparently and leaders are held accountable**. Our focus remains on border protection, stopping illegal migration, reducing bureaucracy, and defending the interests of European citizens above all.*

The European Order of Merit: Patriots Reject Strengthening the Vision of a European Superstate

The European Order of Merit distinction will be awarded for the first time by the European Parliament. While we, the Patriots for Europe Group, recognize the importance of European cooperation and values enshrined in our Treaties, we nevertheless have serious concerns of principle regarding this distinction.

As a matter of principle, by creating a European-level distinction, the EU institutions are behaving as if the European Union were a state — which it clearly is not. Granting such awards has so far has been a prerogative of the Member States. Patriots stand for a European Union of sovereign Member States, not for a European superstate.

It is also regrettable that the European Parliament itself fails to adhere to the values it intends to recognize with this very distinction.

While the Order of Merit is about democratic values, the European Parliament clearly undermines democratic principles as the Patriots for Europe Group, representing millions of voters across Europe, is denied its rightful participation in the decision-making bodies and everyday work of the European Parliament.

In conclusion, such initiatives cannot be credible if they are used to advance an increasingly federalist vision of Europe while excluding a significant part of the democratic spectrum.

Kinga Gál

> “Patriots stand for a European Union of sovereign Member States, not for a European superstate.”



First Vice-President Patriots Group, Hungarian delegation - Fidesz

The Captain Who Drilled Holes Into His Own Ship

Europe today resembles a great ship caught in a global storm. Around it sail powerful competitors, America, China, India, each fighting fiercely for industry, technology, energy and strategic influence. And what does the European Commission do while the waves grow stronger? Instead of reinforcing the ship, it drills holes into its own hull and calls it progress.

The ETS was introduced as a compass guiding Europe towards innovation and cleaner technologies. But under the Commission's ideological obsession, the compass has become an anchor. Every new carbon cost tied to production, transport or energy makes the European vessel heavier, slower and less competitive in the global race.

Meanwhile, the rest of the world continues sailing forward powered by cheaper energy, lower regulatory burdens and strategic pragmatism. European industry watches competitors surge ahead while Brussels debates ever more ambitious targets detached from economic reality. We rightly warned that Europe risks sacrificing its competitiveness on the altar of unrealistic climate ideology. And increasingly, even businesses, workers and citizens can see it clearly: Europe cannot lead the world if it systematically weakens itself from within.

A ship does not survive a storm because its captain gives inspiring speeches. It survives because its structure remains strong, its crew trusts the direction and its course reflects reality not fantasy.

We believe environmental responsibility and economic strength must go hand in hand. Europe needs innovation, affordable energy, industrial sovereignty and technological neutrality. Not self-imposed decline disguised as moral superiority. If the Commission truly wants Europe to survive the storms of the 21st century, it must stop drilling holes into the ship and start helping Europeans keep it afloat.

Klára Dostálová

> "Europe needs innovation, affordable energy, industrial sovereignty and technological neutrality."



Vice-President Patriots Group, Czech delegation - ANO 2011

Europe's Balancing Act Between Double Standards and Weakness

The contrast between the EU's domestic and foreign policies exposes a deep contradiction at the heart of this Union. At home, citizens are lectured, regulated and pressured into ideological conformity. Abroad, that same resolve suddenly disappears.

The European Commission speaks endlessly about women's rights and democracy yet refuses to confront the uncomfortable reality that these principles are fundamentally incompatible with Islam. Instead of standing firm, Europe kneels. Again and again, citizens are told that Islam and liberal democracy are perfectly compatible, while Europe's leaders continue a policy of diplomatic submission.

We saw this when former European Parliament President Martin Schulz visited the Iranian Parliament in 2015, effectively legitimising a brutal theocratic regime.

We saw it again when former EU High Representative Federica Mogherini wore an Islamic headscarf during her visit to Tehran.

Iran itself is the clearest warning. A once-great nation has been stifled by decades of theocratic oppression, where women's rights, freedom and democracy are systematically destroyed.

Yet Europe continues its policy of weakness. Earlier this year, Iran was nominated within the UN Economic and Social Council framework to a committee discussing human rights, women's rights and terrorism prevention. Apart from the United States, democratic countries including several EU Member States failed to object.

Decades of European cowardice have only emboldened the mullahs. Today, the world is reaping the bitter harvest of that weakness.

Mieke Andriese

> "This Commission acts as a two-headed monster, consistently surrendering to Islam."



Vice-President Patriots Group, MEP Dutch delegation - PVV

Brussels Must Stop Bankrolling the Last Castro

This October marks ten years since the European Union signed the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement with the Cuban regime. A decade later, the verdict is in, and it is damning. That Agreement has done nothing for the Cuban people and everything for their jailers. It has handed legitimacy to a dictatorship the free world had finally cornered, and it has shovelled millions of euros from European taxpayers into the pockets of the communist nomenklatura that tortures, imprisons and starves an entire nation.

We are living a historic moment. The longest-running tyranny in Ibero-America is tottering. After more than six decades, the heirs of Fidel Castro may at last fall. And what is the European Union doing? Propping them up. While Washington tightens the screws and Cubans risk their lives in the streets, Brussels has chosen to remain the last great international ally of castrismo. This is not neutrality. This is complicity.

Meanwhile, Cuba endures its gravest public health catastrophe in living memory: dengue and other arboviral epidemics ravaging a population already broken by hunger and blackouts. Never has the regime received more European money. Never has the Cuban people suffered more.

Patriots for Europe demanded an urgent debate and resolution. Our adversaries delayed the vote until June, but they cannot silence us this week. We will denounce this disgrace from the floor of the House and demand Von der Leyen end, once and for all, Europe's shameful subsidy of tyranny.

Hermann Tertsch

> “For sixty years Cuba has been a prison. The shame of Europe is that we now help pay for the bars.”



Vice-President Patriots Group, Spanish delegation - VOX

Green Suicide: How EU Climate Policy is Deindustrializing Europe

The EU's radical climate policy is destroying value creation and hundreds of thousands of jobs across Europe. According to the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA), Germany alone faces the loss of at least 225,000 jobs by 2035. Similar devastating effects are expected throughout the EU, hitting Austria's key automotive supplier industry particularly hard.

The causes are entirely self-made: exploding energy prices due to the Emissions Trading System (ETS), the combustion engine ban, billion-euro fines from EU fleet targets, and suffocating bureaucracy. Carmakers are forced to produce vehicles customers do not want, while production costs skyrocket. For purely ideological reasons, one of Europe's most important flagship industries is being deliberately dismantled.

The automotive sector is only the tip of the iceberg.

The real agenda is the comprehensive deindustrialisation of Europe. Traditional industrial strengths in manufacturing and engineering are being sacrificed for unrealistic green targets that ignore economic reality and citizens' needs.

A radical policy reversal in the EU is therefore essential. Freedom-loving forces have long opposed this destructive path. The key question now is whether the European People's Party (EPP) is ready for a genuine change of course and a return to reason – for the benefit of workers, families, and businesses.

The alternative is continued cooperation with socialists and greens, accelerating Europe's economic and social decline. Only a courageous shift away from ideological experiments can halt the loss of Europe's industrial base and secure the future of millions of citizens.

Harald Vilimsky

Vice-President Patriots Group, Head of Austrian delegation - FPÖ

> "For purely ideological reasons, one of Europe's most important flagship industries is being deliberately dismantled."



Europe Must Reclaim Strategic Diplomacy in the Gulf

During the recent European Parliament Ad Hoc Mission to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, I witnessed firsthand a reality that many in Europe still refuse to acknowledge: the conflict involving Iran is not a localized regional dispute, but a strategic confrontation with global implications.

Iran's systematic missile attacks against Gulf nations - including Bahrain, where interception systems faced unprecedented pressure - are not limited to military targets. Civilian infrastructure and population centres have also been deliberately targeted as part of a clear strategy of intimidation and psychological terror. These are not acts of strength, but acts of cowardice designed to pressure sovereign governments into submission.

In our meetings with political and diplomatic leaders across the Gulf, one message remained constant: the countries of the region seek stability, modernization, and constructive international partnerships.

For us, strengthening strategic cooperation in energy, trade, and security is critical, while recognizing the Gulf states as indispensable partners for Europe's stability and prosperity.

This crisis also exposes an uncomfortable truth: the European Union has once again failed to establish itself as a credible diplomatic mediator. Brussels repeatedly ignores the first principle of diplomacy — speaking to all parties without ideological prejudice and in pursuit of realistic solutions.

The conclusion is increasingly unavoidable: effective diplomacy belongs to sovereign nations capable of defending their interests with realism, strategic clarity, and political independence. Europe will only regain influence in the world when its nations reclaim that responsibility.

António Tânger Corrêa

> "The conflict involving Iran is not a localized regional dispute, but a strategic confrontation with global implications."



Vice-President Patriots Group, Head of Portuguese delegation - CHEGA

End the Politically Motivated Article 7 Procedure Against Hungary

For years, Hungary has been the target of politically motivated attacks from Brussels. The Article 7 procedure was never about the rule of law — it was a political weapon used to pressure Hungary and silence a government that stood firmly for national sovereignty, conservative values, and the interests of the Hungarian people.

Today, even politicians in Brussels, including Manfred Weber, are speaking about ending the procedure against Hungary. This confirms what we have said from the very beginning: the procedure has no credibility and no legitimate foundation. Hungary's recent elections, marked by exceptionally high voter turnout and the peaceful transfer of power by the outgoing Orbán government, demonstrated the strength and stability of Hungarian democracy — something that was never truly at risk.

At the same time, the European Commission and the European Parliament have continued to use EU funds as a tool of political blackmail. This is unacceptable. EU resources are not favors from Brussels — they belong to the Hungarian people.

The Fidesz-KDNP delegation and the Patriots for Europe Group therefore call for the immediate termination of the Article 7 procedure and the release of all withheld EU funds. Hungary does not ask for privileges — only fair and equal treatment.

Tamás Deutsch

> "Hungary does not ask for privileges — only fair and equal treatment."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Hungarian delegation - Fidesz

Need for an Adaptation of the EU Legal Framework on Sustainable Biofuels

The EU legal framework on sustainable biofuels should be adapted to ensure technological neutrality, industrial competitiveness, and energy security.

Current EU policies, particularly under RED III and the planned 2035 phase-out of combustion engines, risk penalising advanced biofuels despite their strategic role in decarbonising hard-to-abate sectors such as aviation, maritime transport, and logistics.

European institutions themselves recognise that sustainable biofuels are essential not only for emissions cuts, but also for strengthening European industrial value chains, supporting innovation, and reducing reliance on foreign technologies and critical raw materials.

The Patriots for Europe Group and Lega delegation call for a more balanced and technology-neutral approach, rejecting a one-size-fits-all framework that could weaken Europe's industrial base and competitiveness.

Relying only on electrification would increase strategic dependencies on non-EU supply chains and put key industrial ecosystems at risk.

Achieving climate neutrality requires a pragmatic approach that supports all effective low-carbon solutions. Sustainable biofuels offer a ready-to-use option for emissions reduction, compatible with existing infrastructure. Including them in the EU CO2 regulatory framework would support jobs, strengthen the agricultural and manufacturing sectors, and ensure a sustainable transition for future generations.

Paolo Borchia

> "Achieving climate neutrality requires a pragmatic approach that supports all effective low-carbon solutions."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Italian delegation - Lega Per Salvini Premier

Performative Borders: The Glaring Hypocrisy of Britain's Entry Bans

Every sovereign nation has the fundamental right and obligation to control and protects its borders. It is entirely reasonable, and indeed expected, for the United Kingdom to deny entry to foreign nationals whose presence it deems unconducive to public safety. However, when examining the Home Office's recent decision to bar Polish MEP Dominik Tarczyński, amongst others, from speaking at a Tommy Robinson-aligned rally, one must seriously question the glaring hypocrisy of Prime Minister Keir Starmer's government.

It is frankly astounding that the UK government can act with such swift, decisive precision to block an elected European parliamentarian, yet remains completely paralyzed when it comes to stopping the relentless influx of illegal migration. The state's borders, it seems, are only securely guarded when the arrival comes with a microphone and a realistic right-wing agenda, rather than a dinghy.

Even more troubling is the leniency frequently shown toward far more dangerous individuals. Britain has a long, documented history of allowing virulent Islamist preachers and overt antisemites to enter, reside, and spread genuine extremism. We regularly see figures spouting genocidal rhetoric and supporting terror face little to no state resistance.

Banning a conservative MEP while failing to stop illegal crossings and tolerating radical Islamists does not project strength. It merely exposes a state more interested in performatively silencing political opponents than genuinely securing its nation.

Marieke Ehlers

> "The UK's borders, it seems, are only securely guarded when the arrival comes with a microphone and a realistic right-wing agenda, rather than a dinghy."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Dutch delegation - PVV

The Green Deal is Dismantling European Industry

The Green Deal is the greatest economic self-sabotage in the recent history of our continent, and its sharpest weapons are the Emissions Trading System and the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. Sold as climate salvation, they are in truth the machinery of European deindustrialisation. While China subsidises its industries, India expands, and emerging economies pollute without restraint, only Europe taxes itself into poverty, and calls it virtue.

Look at the wreckage. Fertiliser plants closing, threatening our food sovereignty. Steel and aluminium fleeing abroad. Half of the European alloy industry already gone. The port of Algeciras bleeding traffic to Tánger because Brussels punishes our ships and rewards Africa's. Energy bills devouring family budgets. Carbon credits up around 1,000% in a decade. And not one gram of CO_2 saved at the global level: only Europe shrinks, the rest of the world grows.

This is not climate policy. This is the planned dismantling of European industry, dressed up in green liturgy and paid for by the same workers and families the Brussels elite claims to defend. The CBAM was meant to be the shield. It has become another tax on European importers and consumers, riddled with evasion routes and incapable of protecting anyone.

Patriots for Europe has formally demanded the suspension of both the ETS and the CBAM, pending honest review and possible repeal. This week the debate reaches the floor of the House, and our position will be heard loud and clear. Europe must choose: ideology, or industry. Brussels dogma, or European workers. We choose Europe.

Jorge Buxadé

> "The Green Deal does not save the planet. It exports our factories, our jobs and our sovereignty, and sends the bill to European families."



MEP Patriots Group, Head of Spanish delegation - VOX

No Remembrance Without Truth

This week, the European Parliament commemorates the genocide of Armenians and Greeks in Pontos and Asia Minor. But remembrance without truth is hypocrisy. If this House truly wishes to honour the dead, it must begin by demanding full and unambiguous recognition of these crimes by all parties, all institutions and all governments, in particular by Turkey itself.

Let us speak plainly: this genocide was committed under Turkish rule, and modern Turkey still refuses to face that truth. Under Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, denial has not been corrected. It has been cultivated, protected and turned into state-backed belief. The mass murder, deportation and eradication of Armenians and Greeks from their ancestral lands were not unfortunate side-effects of a war. They were systematic crimes against Christian peoples. To deny this, to minimise it, or to hide behind political convenience is an insult to the memory of the victims.

This is why this debate is not about the past alone. It is also about the Turkey of today. Erdoğan presents himself as a respectable partner, yet Christian minorities still live under pressure, churches remain vulnerable, and Christian heritage is too often treated as something to be controlled, diminished or symbolically conquered. A state that refuses recognition to the murdered is rarely generous to the living.

The EU has been far too weak for far too long. Too many have hidden behind diplomacy, strategic interests or accession myths. That must end. Turkey should not be indulged anymore.

Recognition is not optional. And if the EU still has any moral backbone, its representatives will say so clearly: no whitewashing, no excuses, no submission to Erdoğan's politics of denial.

Gerolf Annemans

> "Turkey should not be indulged anymore. Recognition is not optional."



Treasurer Patriots Group, Flemish delegation – Vlaams Belang

ETS2 — A Millstone Around Europe's Neck

ETS2, the European Commission's cherished flagship project, has in reality become a millstone around the neck of European industry and the citizens of our continent.

Let us recall what ETS2 actually means. The EU ETS2 will cover emissions at an early stage of the supply chain and will ultimately affect households. Its direct consequence will be simple: life for the average European will become more expensive. This will inevitably increase wage pressure and, as a result, further undermine Europe's competitiveness.

Instead of lowering energy prices and deregulating the economy, the European Union is adding yet more forms, reports and obligations for businesses. Let us also remember that, as a result of this "green ideology", Europe is already facing serious problems: rising energy and CO_2 emission costs, China's export expansion, stagnation in EU industrial production, the displacement of European companies from their own domestic markets by Chinese and American firms, and the relocation of production outside the Union.

ETS is a system that artificially drives up the cost of energy, heating and transport.

This is happening at a time when the global energy system is undergoing a major crisis linked to the war in Ukraine and instability in the Middle East. Energy security is under increasing strain, fuel prices are rising, and yet the European Commission — blind to the realities of the world — is introducing additional burdens.

Its ambitious targets, including a 90% emissions reduction by 2040, increasingly sound like harmful fantasies born of ideological fanaticism. Unless we bring energy prices down, the situation will only get worse, and Europe will face the real threat of structural impoverishment and deindustrialisation.

The only rational proposal — the only voice of political common sense — is to withdraw completely from ETS2 before it comes into force.

Anna Brylka

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MEP Patriots Group, Head of Polish delegation – Ruch Narodowy

PATRIOTS INITIATIVES

6 amendments to the report on the **81st session of the United Nations General Assembly;**

2 amendments to the report on the **Implementation of the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive;**

3 amendments to the report on **Addressing the gender care gap;**

a motion for a resolution on the **Repression and executions in Iran;**

a motion for a resolution on the **Situation of women and girls in Afghanistan.**

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