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The approval by the progressive groups in the European Parliament (S&D, Greens and GUE/NGL) of the resolution on the Conclusions of the extraordinary European Council meeting of 17-21 July 2020 did not go unnoticed by progressive forces, from within the EU and even from without. In the first place, the peace movement is appalled by the support for a larger budget for the European Defence Fund, which implies a further militarization of Europe. Secondly, the resolution calls for more money for the Integrated Border Management Fund. May we remind you that the EU's increasingly militarized approach to migration and asylum is already responsible for thousands of deaths in the Mediterranean, and that this policy has already been condemned by several humanitarian organisations. Thirdly, the resolution is silent on the conditions which will be attached to the approval of grants and loans, although the coupling with the European Semester is a bad omen.

Enclosed you find an Appeal to reconsider the political orientation in these matters, together with the list of signatories. They come from varied quarters and member states, and hopefully convince you of the expectations we put in you. As the final decisions will only be taken in the coming months, we hope your group will then have a principled attitude.

May we ask you to inform your members on this Appeal ? We thank you in advance.

Kind regards,

The signatories of the Appeal