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Your Excellency, dear High Representative Mogherini,

On behalf of our group of families of victims of the attack on MH17, we would like to thank you for your prompt reply to our letter of 29 August 2016. We very much appreciate your sympathy and support.

However, we have to inform you that we do not feel satisfied with your reply. To us, non-politicians, it is not clear what the EU's explicit actions have been or will be in reaction to this largest mass murder on EU citizens since WWII.

In our initial letter we did ask you for explicit actions; EU-actions to back up your calls for cooperation by all countries involved. Calls that would otherwise be interpreted as, well, "lip service". Sadly, we have seen too much of that.

We pointed out to you that in our view, assistance from some countries regarding the investigation seems inadequate. To say the least.

More specifically we have asked you to:

- put pressure on countries to publicly disclose all relevant intelligence data, for instance the data Mr. Kerry referred to in his press conference three days following the shoot down;
- urge Ukraine to come clear with an unequivocal explanation on missing raw primary radar data and to hand over any relevant data they may have 'overseen';
- most urgently call on Russia to come forward with the so-called destroyed raw primary radar data;
- make the solution of the MH17 issue an explicit part of the discussions and or negotiations that you have with the aforementioned countries.

We have not seen any of this, nor evidence of any results over the past two years. What 'resolute action' is being taken to 'support the investigation and effective prosecution'?

In our view, the call on other nations and request to fully cooperate with the Joint Investigation Team is not just politics. We would kindly like to remind you that we are in the face of a dangerous precedent concerning international law. Two hundred ninety-eight (298) innocent people were brutally killed and the investigations are openly obstructed.

Considering our firm belief that we are on the same side, could you please be more explicit about what the EU intends to do with regard to countries not fully cooperating and/or not taking their responsibility? Will you let this stand, risking history to repeat itself? Or do you share with us that a clear and bold reaction to the horrendous shooting down of MH17 is necessary to address and protect our most fundamental beliefs and values?

We look forward to your response,

Yours sincerely,  
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