



Dear High Representative Mogherini,

The propaganda and interference apparatus has been highly active during the political and institutional crisis in Catalonia, as recognized by NATO, through the Strategic Communications Excellence Center of the Atlantic Alliance, in military intelligence reports that have just made public. This issue was already discussed in the last EU Foreign Affairs Council, due to the complaint of the Spanish foreign minister, Alfonso Dastis.

The report on the fight against hybrid threats, published in July this year, calls to pay attention to the increase in these activities that endanger our security and our democratic systems and whose objective is to weaken the European project. The document recognizes the intensity of these interfering actions and the concern for interference in elections, as it happened in the last French presidential elections.

On December 21st, regional election will take place in Catalonia. This election will be key to the future of our country. The signatory MEPs want to defend the right of citizens, through free elections and within the constitutional order, to elect political representatives without interference of any kind.

Despite the different measures that have been adopted in the field of security and defense, we believe that it is necessary to increase the response to these threats. The European Ambassadors requested to strengthen the capacity of the EEAS in this area through a letter addressed to the main European institutions.

Through this letter we want to request that you use all the instruments available to avoid any kind of foreign interference in the next elections that will take place in Catalonia.

Similarly we urge you to publish the information available of the EEAS and the various units, such as Euvdisinfo, about the misinformation and propaganda issued by the Russian propaganda apparatus in recent months in Catalonia.

We are looking forward to your response and we trust that your work and commitment in the field will provide effective answers to the content of this letter.

Sincerely,

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