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EUROPEAN RUSSIAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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Considering:

- the important golden but also painful historical links existing between the European Union, its Member States and the Russian Federation, the common cultural heritage and the common values that they share
- the commitment to strengthen the political and economic freedoms which constitute the very basis of the partnership,
- the commitment of the Parties to promote international peace and security as well as the peaceful settlement of disputes and to cooperate to this end in the framework of the United Nations and the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
- the need to tackle new societal challenges of the aging population, migration and climate change,

Convinced:

- that during the two last decades many efforts have been devoted to overcoming the distrust and the legacy of the Cold War and the division of the European continent, and that the present mutual trust and mutual understanding are the fruits of the joint persistent efforts,
- of the importance of the rule of law and the principles of democracy, the Social market economy and the respect for human rights, particularly those of minorities,
- of the importance of a more intensive exchange of ideas and knowledge in the areas of economy, education and culture and of the exchange programmes for sharing best practices in all the areas concerned, with a special concern on the exchange of political activists and opinion leaders from all levels

Acknowledging:

- the common demand for indivisible and comprehensive security and for the joint actions to guarantee such security in the European region and worldwide,
- the promotion of trade and investment and the establishment and operation of companies on a reciprocal basis,

Asking:

- for structuring a knowledge-based society of strengthening and optimising the links between research and innovations and of maintaining small and medium size entrepreneurship in the field of research and innovation,
- to promote joint programmes to develop and strengthen the links between the civil societies in the European Union, its Member States and the Russian federation,

Have agreed to continue working towards a progressive future based on mutual trust for today's and the generations to come.

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