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The Prime Minister

**The Minister for Justice
and Home Affairs**

Commissioner Ylva Johansson
Commissioner for Home Affairs
European Commission

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Dear Commissioner Johansson,

Joint problems require joint solutions, that is a well-known fact. We welcome all the work done by the European Commission in the fight against organised crime and the vital role that the Commission plays in joining the efforts of the Member States. Work on EU level is indispensable, and our cooperation is crucial. Sweden has for a long time been an active partner in initiatives to strengthen work to tackle organised crime and we will continue to be so.


Organised crime is a major threat to European citizens, business, and institutions, as well as to the European economy. Criminals often rely on the availability of weapons to carry out their activities. For several years, the EU and its member states have coordinated several activities to counter firearms trafficking.

However, new circumstances and new threats appear. We know from experience that a rise in the levels of firearms trafficking, and smuggling, is to be expected during and after armed conflicts. Due to the unlawful war in Ukraine, we see the need for joint further efforts within the European Union in this area.

Therefore, we urge the European Commission to take initiatives for joint and swift actions by EU institutions as well as Member States, against trafficking and smuggling of illicit firearms, preferably coordinated with

the EU and its Member States' external actions. Continued cooperation is crucial in the fight against organized crime in Europe. We will continue to be a dedicated ally to the Commission in this work.

Yours sincerely,



Magdalena Andersson
Prime minister Sweden



Morgan Johansson
Minister for Justice and Home Affairs