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Dear Mrs. Blinkeviciute,

You have let us know that the President of the European Parliament, Mr. Antonio Tajani, has forwarded you a copy of our wake-up-letter that we had sent to him on June 26th, 2018. As a reaction, you have informed us on August 1st that “we will duly take into consideration to our views on the subject”. At which point in time and on which occasion are you planning to do so – during a plenary session of the EU Parliament?

We must confess that we had never heard of you before – please forgive us this shortcoming. Your self-conception as a promoter of women’s rights on both a European and a global scale raises a large number of questions for most women in the world. Since you are a legal expert and an experienced politician, we would like to ask you for some legally solid answers to the following pertinent questions:

- For which reason are you redefining the facts we present (e.g. the findings of the human genetics expert Prof. Dr. Erich Blechschmidt) into “views”?
 - Could it be that you are not familiar with those facts yet?
 - And if you are familiar with them: When have you informed us women about them?
- By which democratic means has the *Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality* been established in the EU?
 - Which organisations or persons in the Parliament have established that committee?
 - In which manner has a political mandate to make decisions for 260 million female EU citizens or 3.75 billion women worldwide been bestowed on you: Were you elected or personally appointed?

- When did this happen and who organised the procedure?
- What are your declared objectives when it comes to maintaining women’s rights, and what is your track record of successful achievements in this regard on an EU or worldwide level?
 - Please let us have a written summary on both these aspects.
- When exactly have you discussed and agreed on the objectives of the *Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality* with the 260 million female EU citizens and the 3.75 billion women in the world?
 - How and when were invitations for debate and agreement sent?
 - Which women from which countries have participated in the discussions?
 - What was the result of the ensuing vote?
 - How did you make sure that only legitimate participants cast their vote?
 - Which authorized organisation has monitored invitations, voting procedures and the ballot count?
- Do your objectives match the democratic human rights and fundamental rights established by the European Parliament and the UN? We are, for example, referring to the following articles:

Article 1 - Human dignity

Human dignity is inviolable. To respect and protect it is the duty of all state authority.

Article 2 - Right to life

(1) Everyone has the right to life and liberty, to freedom of thought and expression.

(2) No one shall be condemned to the death penalty, or executed.

Article 3 - Right to physical and mental integrity

Everyone has the right to respect for his or her physical and mental integrity.

- In your opinion, is it self-evident that the democratic fundamental rights of the EU Charter are applicable to every human being, therefore including the unborn?
 - If not, then why not?
- How do you finance your own activities, those of your staff as well remuneration and non-personnel costs incurred?
 - Are they paid out of EU funds?
 - Are you receiving contributions from private donors?
- What are the means you apply to ensure women’s rights of unborn girls?
- Would it be true to say that you regard abortion as a trivial matter that you deem negligible from a political point of view?
- How do you translate women’s rights into specific legislation?
- Are you legally responsible for your *Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality*, also with regard to the press code?

From woman to woman I would like to ask you sincerely to respond to these questions fairly soon because I would like to make your answers available to a large group of women in order to initiate discussion about them.

Maintaining fundamental women's rights is very important to us, since peace in the world depends to some 50% on women.

With this enquiry I personally express the hope that you, as a legal expert, are going to stand in for law and order and that maybe our points of view are not so far apart after all.

Sincerely,

Sonja Dengler
Chairwoman

Copy to:

- Antonio Tajani, President of the EU Parliament
- all 751 members of the EU Parliament