

## Annex 2

### Model mission letter:

# High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the European Commission

**You will be the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission.**

In light of an erosion of multilateralism, the EU must remain true to its own principles in external affairs, as guaranteed by the Treaties. The commitments to peace, human rights, human security and gender equality should guide our external action to ensure dignity and respect for all individuals. In promoting a rules-based world order, we must embrace a decolonial approach that favours collaboration over competition and promotes civic space globally.

I will extend my support to you in your role as Commission Vice-President in charge of coordinating the external action of the European Union, in line with Article 18(4) of the Treaty. You will also support me in coordinating the external dimension of all Commissioners' work and ensure that we link the internal and external aspects of our policies better.

- You will include the principles underpinning the feminist foreign policy in the EU's external action in order to address contemporary security challenges, including the rising tensions between and within states. In this work, you will promote human rights by embedding gender equality, disability rights and LGBTQI+ rights as cornerstones of EU external action to ensure dignity and respect for all.
- While embracing a decolonial approach, you will ensure that our partnerships with countries around the world are equitable and transparent, that they shift from a spirit of competition and transaction to collaboration and transformation, while promoting shared power and resources and addressing historical injustices.
- I want you to ensure that the Gender Action Plan (GAP III) is fully implemented across all areas of the EU's external action.
- You should defend civic space, human rights and democracy while recognising civil society as a key strategic partner. This work will require maintaining accountability and transparency while promoting an open civic space.
- Your role will include ensuring a greater coherence between our internal and external policies. You will work closely with all Members of the College to achieve this. You will ensure the Commission identifies and addresses where the EU has unfair practices that negatively affect the EU's multilateral influence and relations with partner countries, especially in relation to our priorities such as trade, climate, economic resilience, security and migration.
- You will lead the EU's efforts to reinvigorate multilateralism and the rules-based international order to make them just and fit for the 21st century by engaging closely in key international fora, such as the UN and the WTO.
- You will be invited to provide weekly updates on foreign policy to the College in order to inform our discussion and to make external action a systemic part of our decision-making.

As Vice-President of the Commission, you will work under my guidance on all of the above issues. The Secretariat-General will support you in your role as Vice-President and will continue to be the main interface for the European External Action Service. The Service for Foreign Policy Instruments will also support you in your work.

