Ms. Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer
President of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU)

Berlin

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Dear Madam President,

As we face the challenge of the novel coronavirus, our parties use either their governmental or opposition position to draw attention to the threat and do their utmost in order to overcome the current crisis. In these demanding times, it is even more important to stay united and to support one another.

I find it worrying that the president of our political community, Donald Tusk uses the EPP as a playground for his Polish domestic political games. Even in times of peace, the leader of a European political group should avoid focusing on his personal domestic political interests, even more so in times of crisis.

Donald Tusk seems to align himself to the rhetoric of the European liberals and left, expressing unfounded concerns about the democratic commitment of some of our parties. When Europe overcomes the current epidemic, we will have an opportunity to re-examine the different solutions and to draw lessons. In the meantime, it would be most regrettable to waste time on anything else than fighting the crisis and defeating the epidemic. Those who are unable to help should at least refrain from hindering the efforts of others.

This is not a game. The lives of our citizens are at stake in every member state.
Our capabilities to stop President Tusk from risking the credibility of our political family are currently limited due to our suspended status within the party, so I ask you to urge and persuade President Tusk to stop sowing the seeds of division in our political family and to start focusing on what is needed right now.

I wish you much strength, wisdom, faith and patience in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

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