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Dear High Representative,

It gives me great pleasure to thank you for the excellent work of the EEAS East StratCom Task Force which to my understanding operates under your auspices.

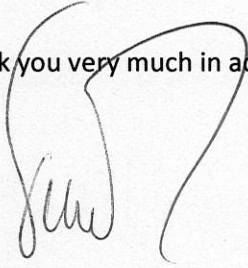
I place great value in the fact that Europe has experts who address Russia's ongoing disinformation campaigns. EU can thus better face these bouts of non-military offensive, performed in order to weaken and destabilize our society.

A few days ago I came across their paper and was very happy to share the explicit conclusions on my website and Twitter. I have learnt that the team has only been operational for 15 months and comprises 11 staff members. Allow me to congratulate you, the quality and the substance of their work is outstanding.

Their work is valuable as it indicates the alarming nature of our European security. I trust that the competent authorities are putting the conclusions reached by EEAS STRATCOM East Task Force to best possible use. As you know, the dangers of pro-Russian propaganda have been recognized for some time by the European Parliament and many Member States. I believe that soon we will find more adequate ways to respond to this threat.

In conclusion and with your kind permission, I would like to suggest that you consider increasing the numbers of this team - as the serious nature of the threat demands.

Thank you very much in advance for your reply and best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pavel Telička', written in a cursive style.

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