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**Говор који је пре 10 година одржан у Европском парламенту, неколико дана након једностраног проглашења независности Косова.**

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished MEPs,

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,



I stand before you this afternoon as a proud European, and as an ashamed European.

Proud because my heritage, my culture, my beliefs, and my history bind me to a constellation of nations that, at the onset of the 21 st century, reconciled themselves, and created something so magnificent that one could say: 'there has truly never been anything else like it in the history of the world.'

Winston Churchill equated the feeling I am trying to describe to you with a "sense of enlarged patriotism." That was his vision of Europe, and Jean Monet's vision of Europe, and Konrad Adenauer's vision of Europe . It is a vision I proudly share. For the peoples of Europe , between whom rivers of blood have flowed without mercy, chose to end the feuds of a thousand years. And they sought to eliminate from their shores a zero-sum approach to the conduct of regional

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politics.

How could I not be proud? How could I not, until just a few days ago, without the faintest shadow of a doubt, support the aspirations of my country to join the European Union, and therefore welcome the EU's commitment to the incorporation of Serbia and all the Western Balkans within its welcoming boundaries?

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But I am also a deeply ashamed European. Tacitus wrote: *Deserta faciunt et pacem appellant* : “They create a desolation and they call it peace.” That is what some European Union countries have done to the Republic of Serbia, to a small, peace-loving, democratic country in Europe, a founding member of the United Nations, an original signatory to the Helsinki Final Act, and a pillar of stability in Southeast Europe.

Creating desolation out of the promise of a European future. This is what the governments of some of your countries have done by recognizing the unilateral, illegal and illegitimate declaration of independence of the Provisional Institutions of Self-Government of Serbia's southern province of Kosovo and Metohija.



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