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

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Subject: Highly concerning comments by VP/HR Kaja Kallas at EUISS event

On 3 September 2025, Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) Kaja Kallas made highly concerning comments at a conference held by the European Union Institute for Security Studies.

Referring to a remark made by Russia to China, which she quoted as follows: ‘We, Russia and China, fought together in the Second World War, we won the Second World War, we defeated Nazism together’, she then went on to claim that ‘okay, that is something new’.

1. What was ‘new’ to the VP/HR in this context? Is she calling into question the merits and sacrifices of the Soviet Union and China in the Second World War?
2. The VP/HR also regretted that ‘people read and remember history less and less’. Given her senior diplomatic role representing hundreds of millions of EU citizens, would it not be prescient for the VP/HR to have a better grasp of the history of the Second World War herself?
3. Given the diplomatic damage caused by her highly disrespectful comments, is the present VP/HR considering resigning?

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