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to the Commission**

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Subject: Competitiveness of the European coking industry

One of the Commission's main priorities, as set out in its political guidelines, is ensuring the competitiveness of European industry.

Many sectors, including the coking sector, are facing unfair competition from global players, as is the case with Jastrzębska Spółka Węglowa. In 2023 alone, Indonesia's coking coal exports increased by over 400%, seriously disrupting the European market.

In light of the above:

1. How will the Commission learn from its mistake in relying too heavily on Russian gas and prevent Europe from becoming reliant on imports of a strategic raw material that is essential for steel production, including in the context of industrial security and defence?
2. What specific measures will the Commission take to protect the European market and local jobs in the context of the dire situation of European coking factories caused, among other things, by unfair competition from Indonesia and China?
3. Considering that European coking factories, including Polish factories, adhere to strict environmental standards, in stark contrast to the very different approach to environmental protection in the Far East, what action will the Commission take to ensure the competitiveness of the European market, while also protecting the environment and ensuring high ecological standards?

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