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to the Commission**

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Subject: War – economic measures in support of defence, families and businesses

The energy shock that businesses and households have had to cope with for months is set to last. Thus, in Italy, energy bills already amounted to EUR 22 billion per quarter. Current estimates put the cost at approximately EUR 35 billion per quarter. Sanctions penalise not just the target but also those imposing them. The highest price will be paid by SMEs in the high-value Made in Italy sectors, which export EUR 2.2 billion's worth of goods to Russia. The price of cereals, with an increase of more than 40%, is also likely to cost Italian farmers EUR 8 billion.

Given that the European economy is again on the brink of a severe recession, can the Commission say:

1. Does it intend to propose measures to make permanent the mechanism that has enabled NextGenerationUE to be financed through the common issuance of debt securities?
2. Does it intend to postpone the deactivation of the general escape clause of the Stability and Growth Pact?
3. Does it intend to create a new fund for the construction of our common European home, capable of financing common defence, common industrial and energy policy, common migration policies, support funds for companies for the increased burden of sanctions and infrastructure for the ecological transition and storage of raw materials?