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Subject: Gazprom cuts off the gas supply to Poland and Bulgaria

On 26 April 2022, Polish and Bulgarian gas suppliers were notified by Gazprom Export that their natural gas supplies would be discontinued from 27 April 2022, despite these countries having fulfilled all the obligations under their existing long-term contracts and having made all the required payments. Given this, it is clear that Moscow's move constitutes political provocation aimed at dividing the EU.

In the light of the challenging situation described above, urgent measures are needed to demonstrate the EU's solidarity, unity and determination and its commitment to the residents of the Member States affected.

1. Has the Commission prepared an urgent package of countermeasures, including a potential full gas embargo? Could the EU Solidarity Mechanism be activated to cover the difference between the Gazprom price and the alternative gas delivery prices for Poland and Bulgaria?
2. When will the Commission initiate a high-level meeting on joint gas purchasing?
3. Will it allow the transit of Russian gas through Bulgaria to non-EU countries to be restricted, possibly by invoking force majeure?