Question for written answer E-004993/2015 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)

Subject: VP/HR - President Tusk's position on Russia

A few days ago the President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, highlighted the need for the EU to maintain its sanctions against Russia, based on his reading of Russia's policies as regards the conflict in Ukraine. In his declarations he said he was 'sceptical about Russia's good will' and that it is therefore 'necessary to keep up the pressure'.

What is the High Representative's opinion of Mr Tusk's declarations?

Does she consider that they are beneficial for achieving cooperation between the EU and Russia?

Insofar as the High Representative is concerned, what degree of consonance exists between the policy she seeks to implement vis-à-vis Russia and that of Mr Tusk?

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