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Subject: Sanctions against Russia

In a recent interview, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Sergei Prikhodko, stated that 'France is Russia's most important partner in Europe, because of its relations with the rest of the continent and the rest of the world'. He also said that 'Franco-Russian cooperation is built on solid and practical foundations, sympathy and mutual respect' and that, notwithstanding the sanctions imposed by the European Union, the deep and multifaceted ties remain unchanged and are generally not affected by the economic and political situation.

In view of the clear differences between the policies of the European Union and those of the peoples and nations that form it, does the Council intend to change its policy and order the end of sanctions against Russia?