Question for written answer P-010260/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Dariusz Rosati (PPE)

Subject: Cancellation of the South Stream project

On 1 December 2014, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that the South Stream project would be cancelled.

While there are various possible reasons for the change in Gazprom's stance vis-à-vis the project (including EU sanctions and Commission statements concerning South Stream's violations of the Third Energy Package), the decision once again highlights the need for secure and stable energy sources.

Parliament has often stressed that the long-term security of the European energy sector is of the utmost importance and has supported efforts to diversify energy sources and the range of countries from which energy is imported.

In this connection, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

- 1. What are its current plans as regards the Southern Gas Corridor, bearing in mind that the latter's main competitor (South Stream) has opted out?
- 2. How does it plan to ensure a stable and diversified supply of gas?
- 3. What is its stance on President Putin's proposal to build a gas hub on the border between Turkey and Greece?

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