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to the Commission**

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Subject: Another turn for the worse in Ukraine-EU relations

The latest developments in Ukraine are leading towards another about-turn in plans for integration. Senior Ukrainian officials have expressed their intention to sign the Association Agreement (AA) shortly. This signals a second change in Ukraine's position during a relatively short space of time. However, a change in Ukraine's preferences would, in all likelihood, anger the Russian Federation.

How could the Commission ensure that this already relatively tense situation does not continue to escalate? Does it have the power to influence interventions by the armed forces against demonstrators?