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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative
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Subject: VP/HR - Iskander-M rockets in the Kaliningrad Oblast

In recent months the Iskander-M short-range missile system on the Russian-EU border has been reinforced. Russia has installed several dozen missiles with a range of around 500 km in the Kaliningrad Oblast near the border with Poland and the Baltic states. All of Poland is within the missiles' range. Vladimir Putin has said that the installation of the missiles is a response to US plans for a European missile defence shield.

In light of the *de facto* invasion of Crimea by Russian troops, what is the High Representative's position with regard to Russia installing missiles along the EU border that are capable of carrying nuclear warheads? Does the High Representative see this as a threat by Russia? Will the installation of these missiles have an impact on EU-Russia relations?