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to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Personal scope of the EU's sanctions regime against Russia

Published information shows that a Russian company which is 65%-owned by the German company Siemens will be producing turbines for power plants in Crimea. This trade contract will enable Crimea to end its energy dependence on Ukraine. However, the sanctions currently in place prohibit companies from the EU from supplying equipment for power plants to Crimea.

Does this case, in which a Russian company that is majority-owned by a company from the EU is the supplier, fall within the scope of the EU's sanctions against Russia?

If this case is in accordance with the sanctions regime from a purely formal perspective, would VP Mogherini not agree that this points to a loophole in – or even a circumvention of – the sanctions regime? Would it therefore not be appropriate to modify the sanctions regime in such a way as to apply it to companies based outside the EU that are majority-owned or otherwise controlled by a company based in an EU Member States?

Does VP Mogherini intend to come forward with an initiative to this end aimed at modifying the current EU sanctions regime against Russia?