

**Question for written answer E-003796/2019  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Belarus threatens nuclear disaster in reaction to military training by allied countries in Lithuania

On 28 October 2019, Belarusian President Aleksandr Lukashenko reacted to a military training exercise in Lithuania's Pabradė polygon attended by 10 allied countries. In his statement, he implied that the presence of US military forces on Lithuanian territory near the border with Belarus might 'accidentally' trigger a critical incident at the Belarusian nuclear power plant. He also alluded to the Chernobyl disaster.

Such nuclear blackmail by President Lukashenko is completely unacceptable. It is preposterous that Belarus might be willing to jeopardise its nuclear power station and endanger its own people and the citizens of neighbouring countries simply to deter Lithuania and its allies.

1. How does the Commission interpret the statement of President Lukashenko, especially given the insecurity of the Belarusian nuclear power station and the threats it poses to the EU? .

2. What actions and tools is the Commission planning to use when mapping out the EU's future relations with Belarus?