

Question for written answer E-005506/2020

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Rule 138

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Subject: The position of the Vice-President / High Representative on US sanctions against Nord Stream 2

On 17 July 2020 the VP/HR Josep Borrell made a statement on US sanctions against Nord Stream 2 in which he declared the EU 'considers the extraterritorial application of sanctions to be contrary to international law', and underlined that 'European policies should be determined here in Europe, not by third countries'.

1. Why does the VP/HR consider it to be contrary to international law for the United States to deny access to third nationals to its own currency, its own bank clearing systems, its own visa entry regime, or assets located in its own territory?
2. When preparing this statement, did the VP/HR take into account Parliament's resolutions of 12 December 2018 on the implementation of the EU Association Agreement with Ukraine¹ and of 12 March 2019 on the state of EU-Russia political relations², both of which declared Nord Stream 2 a threat to European energy security and called for its cancellation?
3. Were the Member States that are opposing Nord Stream 2 and perceive this project as a direct threat to their security and energy security consulted about the VP/HR's statement?

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0518.

² Texts adopted, P8_TA(2019)0157.