

Question for written answer E-003246/2021

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

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Subject: Threat from Russia

The Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has announced a strategy regarding Russia that has clearly been dictated by Joe Biden's administration. This would appear to be a particularly short-sighted and even ingenuous approach, possibly dividing the European continent for many decades and driving a resource-rich Russia into China's waiting arms.

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy not regard Russia as a potential ally against the threat from China?
2. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy regard the danger posed by China as less serious than the perceived threat from Russia?
3. Is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy aware that foreign intrusion in the internal affairs of a third country (in this case EU support for civil society and the extra-parliamentary opposition in Russia) generally tends to strengthen the position of the governing powers, thus producing the opposite effect to that intended?