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to the Council**

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Subject: Unfolding of the Russia-Ukraine war and the EU's response

After weeks of tension, Russia launched a large-scale military offensive against Ukraine at dawn on 24 February. The European Union, like its allies, immediately announced the imposition of sanctions in response.

While understanding the need for a strong and immediate response to the Russian Government's serious violations, it should be remembered that Russia is the EU's biggest supplier of energy sources such as oil, gas and solid fuel. The EU also imports large quantities of raw materials and products such as nickel, aluminium and fertilisers from Russia.

In view of the above:

1. After two years of the pandemic and an economic crisis, how does the Council plan to lessen the impact that this war and sanctions will have on the public and businesses in the European Union?
2. Setting aside the Green Deal, which has been shown to have its limits, does the Council have a plan to make the EU independent of Russian imports?