Priority question for written answer P-003745/2021

to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: US interference in EU energy supply

Last week, Germany signed an agreement with the US regarding the Nord Stream 2, gas pipeline, which is of vital importance to industry in Germany and in Europe as a whole. The US has promised to lift the sanctions against German and Russian investors involved in the project. These sanctions are being imposed under US extraterritorial laws that are being enforced across the entire EU, contrary to international law. The Commission has failed to take any action against this. In order to secure the lifting of those illegal sanctions, the German Federal Government has been forced to make far-reaching concessions to the US such as: financing Ukraine’s energy transition, guaranteeing its continued status as a gas transit country (which will cost billions) and imposing sanctions on Russia should it decide to use its pipelines to exert leverage.

1. What view does the Commission take of this interference by the Biden administration with EU energy supply?

2. Has it pinpointed those US interests that could be harmful to the EU in Ukraine?

3. Does it agree that US interference and its enforcement of extraterritorial legislation are a form of aggression?