

**Priority question for written answer P-002693/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Incredibly dangerous actions of the Russian military at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant

According to reports from Ukraine's state-owned energy company Enerhoatom, the invading Russian forces have been carrying out unauthorised military operations at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (NPP), which is Europe's largest, since March. There are reports that the Russian military has deployed over 500 troops at the site. It is also alleged that the Russian military has not only installed, but is also actively using missile systems on the territory of the Zaporizhzhia NPP to launch strikes against Ukrainian military and civilian targets. At the same time, the NPP specialists and their families are living under constant threat. According to the latest data, more than 40 workers have been kidnapped and tortured for ransom. The Commission, the Council and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) must immediately call on Russia to unconditionally withdraw all its troops and weapons from the Zaporizhzhia NPP and the other nuclear facilities, without waiting for any negotiations to begin.

Could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Is the Commission aware of the situation at the Zaporizhzhia NPP, and is any urgent, specific action being planned to liberate it?
2. Would the Commission consider additional EU sanctions against Russia if its troops do not withdraw from the Zaporizhzhia NPP and, if so, when?