

**Priority question for written answer P-001581/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Alleged involvement of the European Commission in negotiations regarding oil transit via the Druzhba pipeline

The southern leg of the Druzhba pipeline plays an essential role in the security of oil supply of Central Europe. We therefore note with utmost concern the recent reports that Mr Volodimir Tsependa, CEO of Ukraine's UkrTransNafta, claimed in a letter to Hungarian energy company Mol that officials from the European Commission suggested shutting down oil deliveries to Hungary. It must be underlined that such blackmail is unacceptable and would constitute a grave threat against the sovereignty of Hungary.

In light of the above, and given the Commission's rights and obligations under the EU Treaties, we ask:

1. Has any official from the Commission formally or informally indicated that Ukraine should halt oil deliveries via the Druzhba pipeline?
2. Has the Commission ever suggested that non-EU countries restrict energy supplies to any EU Member State?
3. Does the Commission condemn the use of security of energy supply for the purpose of blackmail in all circumstances?

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