Priority question for written answer P-003080/2023 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework for State Aid measures to support the

economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia

In the spring 2023, the Polish authorities applied for state aid notification of a support programme for 2023 under the Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework for State Aid measures to support the economy following the aggression against Ukraine by Russia (2023/C 101/03)¹.

The above-mentioned support programme for European industry provides effective protection against the negative effects of the energy crisis caused by the war in Ukraine. The prices of energy in Poland and elsewhere in the EU remain much higher than before 2022. These higher energy costs threaten to cause a loss of liquidity and are jeopardising the future of energy-intensive businesses. Several European countries have already been granted approval from the Commission for their industry-support programmes, the most recent case being that of the Czech Republic at the end of August.

The Polish authorities have confirmed their readiness for dialogue. After being informed by the Commission in September 2023 that the formula in its programme needs to be changed, the necessary adjustments were presented immediately. Nevertheless, no decision has yet been published.

- 1. Why has Poland not received the decision about its support programme?
- 2. Why has the Polish Government not been informed of the further changes required to allow for approval?
- 3. What is the current state of play and how can Poland proceed?

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¹ Case SA. 107269.

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