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Mrs Roberta METSOLA
President of the European Parliament

Request for removal of Russian companies from the EU Transparency Register

Honourable President of the European Parliament,

The European Union has so far introduced four packages of economic sanctions - individual, sectorial, as well as restrictions on the economic cooperation with the Russian Federation and Belarus, affecting almost 900 individuals and over 60 entities.

We welcome your decision to ban access to the European Parliament premises for diplomatic and government staff of Russia and Belarus, as announced on 18 March. We believe that the same measure should apply to Russian and Belarussian companies' representatives by removing them from the EU Transparency Register.

For many years key Russian economic companies have been successfully using lobbying as an instrument to directly and indirectly influence European policy making. In particular, the energy sector, a strategic field for the EU security, has been a privileged target of Russian pressure groups' activities.

As of 28 March 2022, one month after the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the following companies are among those Russian energy interests listed in the Transparency Register:

- GAZPROM (Identification number: 622135013267-04),
- LUKOIL (Identification number: 04927146320-85),
- The Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (Identification number: 987530918074-88),
- Novolipetsk Steel (Identification number: 464728537297-80),
- Association of European Businesses (Identification number: 849798415326-80) - one of the main bodies representing foreign investors in Russia, operating since the 1990s in close cooperation with the Russian authorities.



Some key Russian companies are also represented by the Brussels-based lobbying agencies. In the Transparency Register they indicate 'Russia' or 'Relations between the European Union and Russia' as main topics of their lobbying activities.

We believe that it is a matter of urgency for the EU institutions to take unambiguous action against the influence of Russian lobbyists, in particular by removing them from the Transparency Register.

We call for an immediately action in that regard.

Yours sincerely

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