



Prime Minister of Hungary Viktor Orbán

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Dear Prime Minister Viktor Orbán,

As we, Members of the European Parliament, have been following the European Council negotiations on the adoption of the 6th sanction package against Russia, we could not comprehend your actions aimed at delaying the process, splitting the EU position and weakening the restrictive measures against Russia. When the democratic world is united in its support for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people, we expect your government to do the same. Instead, we have witnessed the regrettable prioritisation of national economic gain and personal political interests over the lives of the Ukrainian people. We regret that your government was unwilling to consider the Adria pipeline from the Adriatic as an alternative to meet Hungary's oil needs.

The exemption you have secured for Russian pipeline oil will continue to fund Russia's war crimes against Ukraine. People like Patriarch Kirill, who was removed from the EU sanctions list upon your last minute insistence, will continue to mobilise support for the criminal acts that are tragically killing Ukrainian people, including innocent children.

The European Union was created to promote peace, cooperation and unity. This unity is why the EU and its Member States withstand crises and emerge each time stronger than before. We are confident that this will continue to be the case after this terrible war.

Ukraine is Europe. By swiftly implementing pro-European reforms and defending European democracy and values against Russian tyranny, Ukraine deserves our full support, including EU candidate status. We therefore call on you, as the leader of an EU Member State still healing from the wounds inflicted by the dictatorial Soviet regime, to preserve European unity. We ask you to stand on the right side of history along the Hungarian people, who are clearly in solidarity with Ukraine. We ask you to behave like a true European.

Sincerely,

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