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1. The Commission is supporting Ukraine by delivering emergency equipment, including generators, autotransformers and fuel, via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism¹. This rapid response mechanism ensures coordinated delivery of energy equipment donated by Member States and national companies. The Commission opened its EU Civil Protection Mechanism to support coordinated third-party deliveries. The Commission also helped setting up an Energy Emergency Fund for Ukraine at the Energy Community Secretariat and provided EUR 5 million to it. Finally, the integration of Ukraine's electricity market with the EU in March 2022 decisively increased Ukraine's energy security.

2. The Commission leads international efforts to establish a platform of financial and technical support for Ukraine's reconstruction, including its energy infrastructure. The Commission's long-term strategy aims at full alignment with the EU's Green Deal² and full energy market integration. Currently, a G7+ coordination forum between international organisations, the Commission, Member States and third countries globally identifies readily available energy equipment.

3. The EU has imposed unprecedented sanctions against Russia in response to the unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022. The EU also adopted sanctions against Belarus, in response to its involvement in the invasion of Ukraine, and against Iran, in relation to the use of Iranian drones in the Russian aggression against Ukraine. The EU adopted bans on exports of drone engines and of dual-use goods and technology in response to Russia's intentional destruction of energy infrastructure. Additionally, the tenth package adopted on 25 February 2023³ includes for the first time seven Iranian entities that have been using EU components and providing Russia with military 'Shahed' drones to attack civilian infrastructure in Ukraine.

¹ OJ L 185, 26.5.2021.

² COM/2019/640 final.

³ OJEU, L 059I, 25.2.2023.