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to the Commission**

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Subject: Double standards in EU nuclear policy

Commission Executive Vice-President Teresa Ribera recently authorised EUR 32 billion in aid to extend the lifetimes of two nuclear power plants in Belgium, which contrasts starkly with her policy of shutting down nuclear plants in Spain. This apparent contradiction raises serious doubts about the consistency and fairness of decisions on energy policy within the EU.

While Belgium is promoting the continuation of nuclear energy with government support, Spain is being forced to shut down its plants, which will have severe consequences for energy security, industrial competitiveness, and electricity costs for citizens. It is unacceptable that Spaniards are being forced to make sacrifices while other countries are able to implement more pragmatic policies that favour energy stability.

We would therefore like to ask the following questions:

1. Does the Commission consider that Executive Vice-President Ribera's stance regarding Spain and Belgium respects the principle of equal treatment among Member States?
2. Does the Commission envisage measures to ensure that all countries can opt to extend the lifetimes of their nuclear plants without political discrimination?
3. How does the Commission intend to ensure that national energy policies do not create distortions in the EU electricity market?

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