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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission investigation into state aid for MAN Trucks and EU strategic security and cohesion

On 28 July 2025, the Commission announced that it was opening an investigation into Poland's planned state aid for MAN Trucks in Niepołomice. Around EUR 26 million in aid is planned, comprising both a direct grant and a corporate income tax exemption. The investment would be used to expand the truck production plant and create 1 400 new jobs. The Commission expressed doubts as to the compatibility of this aid with the Regional Aid Guidelines (RAG).

It is worth emphasising the fact that Poland's planned aid concerns the strategic heavy-duty transport sector, which is essential for military mobility, the resilience of supply chains and the security of the European Union. In accordance with Article 107 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, aid to support important projects of common European interest may be considered to be compatible with the internal market. In the EU, military mobility is recognised to be a project of strategic importance for security and defence, especially in the context of the war in Ukraine and strengthening NATO. Therefore, the Commission's decision will not only be of economic importance, but also of strategic importance for the Union as a whole.

In this context, I ask the Commission to answer the following questions:

1. Is the Commission taking the EU's security, including military mobility, into account in its assessment of this investment and similar investments?
2. How does the Commission intend to ensure that public aid control procedures do not discriminate against central and eastern European countries in favour of larger western economies?
3. Will the RAG compliance analysis also take the impact of investments on EU cohesion, industrial resilience and defence capabilities into account?

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