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Subject: Support for EU soda ash producers

The EU chemical industry is facing an unprecedented crisis, particularly producers of soda ash. Non-EU competitors, specifically those from Turkey, benefit from lower energy and input costs, non-market-based conditions and the absence of carbon pricing schemes, such as the EU emissions trading system. This creates a structural distortion that undermines the EU's industrial base.

Soda ash is a critical raw material for key value chains, including glass, detergents and batteries. Preserving EU soda ash production is essential not only for competitiveness but also for industrial resilience and strategic autonomy.

At the same time, producers in hard-to-abate sectors, such as soda ash, lack adequate access to financing for decarbonisation, as electrification is not a viable option in many cases. Existing EU instruments remain insufficient for large-scale transformation in these sectors.

We therefore ask the Commission:

1. Will the Commission propose a dedicated EU-level financial mechanism to support industrial decarbonisation in sectors, such as soda ash?
2. How does the Commission plan to address the structural unfairness in global competition, given that current anti-dumping tools are not designed to respond to long-term cost asymmetries and unequal climate obligations?

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