

**Question for written answer E-003536/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Commission's respect for pledges made to Member States

In recent days, a statement made by President Trump's Secretary of State for Energy, Chris Wright, has caused a furore in the media (CNBC) and on social networks (X). According to Secretary Wright, 'Europe has committed to the United States to completely stop importing Russian gas by 2027'. However, this statement is contradicted by the reality in Europe, where Slovakia is not the only country that can continue to purchase Russian gas under long-term contracts. This exemption allows deliveries to continue under existing contracts until the end of 2027¹.

In light of this apparent contradiction, I would like to ask the Commission:

1. Was Secretary Wright misled by Commission representatives, or did he lie in his interview with CNBC?
2. If Secretary Wright's statement is true, does the Commission plan to break a pledge it made to a Member State?
3. The exemption granted to Slovakia for the import of Russian gas was part of an agreement that led Slovakia to lift its veto on a sanctions package against Russia². If Secretary Wright's statements are true, how can Member States continue to trust a Commission that has no problem breaking a pledge that it made to a Member State?

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¹ <https://www.business-humanrights.org/de/neuste-meldungen/slovakia-goes-against-eu-energy-plans-and-will-rely-on-russian-gas-until-2027/>

² <https://montelnews.com/news/37d97e58-826d-41c8-be01-e88fa612b372/exemption-on-russian-gas-ban-to-calm-slovakia-hungary>