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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Weakening of the European Union's position and the risks to the international order

Recent public interventions by top European leaders, including Germany's President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, point out that the international political scene is spiralling into a situation where rules are applied selectively and power tends to override the law, undermining the international order and the predictability of international relations. This criticism is especially significant when considering the role of the European Union itself.

The EU condemns outright any violation of international law by Russia and China. And yet, at the same time, it refers to the United States as a strategic ally, despite the fact that an EU Member State, such as Denmark, has been threatened or put under pressure, with references to the potential annexation of Greenland. This selective attitude reinforces the perception of double standards and weakens the EU's credibility as a defender of the rules.

The Vice-President / High Representative is asked:

1. How does she respond to growing concerns that the EU is applying double standards in its foreign policy?
2. What are the clear boundaries in the strategic relationship with the US when it comes to the territorial integrity of a Member State?
3. How is it ensured that the defence of international law remains non-negotiable, regardless of who violates it?

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