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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: Europe's direct diplomacy with Iran to protect the supply of critical raw materials

In the European Council conclusions of March 2026, the EU makes a commitment to 'contribute to de-escalation' and 'to all diplomatic efforts' in order to 'bring about a lasting solution to end the hostilities', so as to 'ensure maritime security and respect for the freedom of navigation' in the Strait of Hormuz.

Given the EU's reliance on the strait for more than 10 % of strategic imports such as aluminium, steel and certain hydrocarbons[1]:

1. How is the EEAS engaging in direct diplomacy with Iran to restore the trade routes of EU-flagged and EU-bound vessels carrying critical raw materials for EU industry?

2. How is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy coordinating with the Member States so that, as a result of that diplomacy, an illegal war the EU is not part of has as small an impact as possible on our economic interests and price stability?

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[1] https://www.ifo.de/DocDL/EconPol_PolicyBrief-81.pdf.