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Subject: Risks in the Suez, Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb Straits – Crisis in global shipping routes and its ramifications for energy, inflation and supply chains

The escalation of tensions in the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf is threatening the global economy's strategic choke points: around 12% of world trade passes through Bab el-Mandeb and the Suez Canal, including a significant proportion of oil, gas and container traffic essential to European industrial supply chains. The rerouting of shipping lanes is already inflating logistics costs by between 30 and 50 per cent and causing delays of up to two weeks.

This state of affairs is not only affecting industrial output and supply chains, but also poses a tangible risk of inflation, pushing up consumer prices and the cost of living for European citizens, households and businesses, thus further aggravating the economic climate.

In view of this, does the Commission:

1. Intend to take urgent measures to address the risks in the Strait of Hormuz, Bab el-Mandeb and the Suez Canal with a view to ensuring security of supply, containing costs and limiting the inflationary effects?

2. Intend to consider suspending the Stability Pact, the ETS system and other regulatory measures, as well as launching a review of energy policies and supply restrictions, with a view to reducing the impact on citizens and the European economy?

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