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to the Commission
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Subject: Why is Brussels funding projects in the North Pole, when Romania has the available graphite and infrastructure?

The European Commission has announced a Global Gateway package of EUR 200 million for Greenland and the intention to double support to EUR 530 million in the upcoming Multiannual Financial Framework. I welcome any effort by the Union to secure critical resources in the face of global competition and the eagerness to reduce dependence on China!

However, while the Commission wants to massively finance the creation of infrastructure from scratch under extreme polar conditions, Member States such as Romania already possess strategic graphite deposits and transport networks, as well as the energy and workforce needed for immediate integration into the European industrial chain.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Why is the Commission granting financial priority to external mining projects in the Arctic instead of making use of graphite deposits in Member States such as Romania, where these deposits can be readily exploited and where the basic infrastructure is already in place?
2. Are there any contractual clauses obliging mining companies benefiting from EU support in Greenland to prioritise the delivery of the extracted raw materials to industry in the Member States?
3. How are the Union's resource exploitation rights guaranteed in the long term in the event that Greenland declares its full independence from Denmark?

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