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Subject: Taxation of windfall profits in the energy sector

Since the onset of the recent conflict in the Middle East, energy prices have increased significantly. The impact of this is already being felt by European citizens and companies, most notably through higher fuel costs.

The distortion of energy markets, caused by supply restrictions, is producing a windfall in favour of companies that operate in this sector. Given the nature of such extraordinary profits, we consider that a temporary solidarity contribution should be imposed on large energy companies that are benefiting from the war.

This measure would ensure the economic consequences are not disproportionally borne by the general public. Therefore, we would like to ask the following questions:

1. Is the Commission ready to propose a tax (or comparable measure) on the windfall profits of oil and gas companies?

2. Are there regulatory causes for the disparities in national revenue being generated by the implementation of the solidarity contribution established by Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 of 6 October 2022?

3. How can the policy design of Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 be improved in order to optimise the coverage of windfall profits?

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