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to the Commission
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Subject: Priority for nuclear power over the environmental and economic excesses of offshore wind

The recent Hamburg Summit confirmed once again the Commission's dogged devotion to offshore wind. While the EU is planning to significantly expand infrastructure in the North Sea, the environmental consequences of that industrial expansion into the seas is often given too little thought.

Installing the giant turbines causes considerable noise and vibration pollution, seriously disrupting the migratory routes and life cycles of marine mammals. What is more, manufacturing and installing wind turbines requires considerable quantities of rare earth elements and non-recyclable materials, producing long-lasting pollution of the seabed and a questionable carbon footprint overall.

Compared with inconsistent, expensive wind energy, nuclear energy is the only solution that is carbon-neutral, controllable and truly respectful of our landscapes.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission have independent impact assessments on the irreversible damage to marine biodiversity caused by the massive expansion of offshore wind?

2. How does it justify investing huge amounts of public money in a polluting, inconsistent technology at a time when resources would be better spent on supporting nuclear energy?

3. Does it intend to adjust its strategy to safeguard Europe's strategic autonomy through nuclear technology, rather than relying on wind technologies that have foreign value chains?

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