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to the Commission
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Subject: The urgent need for coordinated EU action to shield consumers and the economy from a potential electricity crisis in Romania

The extremely low water levels detected in the Danube and the resulting risk of a drop in electricity production threaten security of supply in the surrounding regions and Romania as a whole.

This state of affairs could result in higher prices and additional costs for citizens, SMEs and energy-intensive industries.

It is vital that all temporary security-of-supply solutions – including exceptional measures authorising the use of existing thermal energy capacities until such a time as alternative generation capacities are operational – be assessed, and that the course of action chosen does not compromise the Union's decarbonisation objectives.

Having regard for Regulation (EU) 2019/941's provisions concerning the protection of consumers and the economy:

1. Has the competent Romanian authority issued an early warning (as provided for in Article 14 (1)) to the Commission or, pursuant to Article 14 (2), confirmed that it has declared an electricity crisis? Will the Commission convene the Electricity Coordination Group as a matter of urgency in order to carry out a joint assessment, exchange information and coordinate measures that are likely to have a cross-border impact?

2. What steps – such as coordinating the Member States that are in a position to support Romania and introducing an emergency measure permitting the use of certain energy production capacities – will the Commission take – and within what time frame – to facilitate the implementation of the technical, legal and financial assistance arrangements provided for in Article 15 and ensure that this deployment complies with Article 16's provisions concerning operational security and market rules?

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