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**Question for written answer E-000994/26
to the Commission**

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Subject: Zelenskyy threatens Orbán with Ukrainian tanks: When will the EU stop tolerating these crazy threats?

Volodymyr Zelenskyy shocked the world at a press conference: if Orbán blocks billions from the EU, he will 'give his address to our boys so they can talk to him in their own language'. This is not just a provocative tweet — it is a direct threat of force against the leader of an EU Member State, which grossly violates Article 2(4) of the UN Charter (prohibiting the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state). Zelenskyy, the head of a country that wants to join the EU, is blatantly escalating the conflict at a time when the EU is sending hundreds of billions of euros as well as weapons to Ukraine. This is no longer just a diplomatic *faux pas* — it is an open call for aggression against Member States. But that's not all: Ukraine has halted oil transits through the Druzhba pipeline, rejected EU-nominated experts, and its representatives are issuing repeated threats against Hungary and Slovakia. How far does Zelenskyy want to take this?

1. Does the Commission consider it acceptable for the president of a candidate country to openly threaten military action against the prime minister of an EU Member State?
2. What immediate and resolute consequences does the Commission plan to bring to bear in order to stop this reckless behaviour?
3. In view of the halting of oil transits, the rejection of EU experts and the constant threats against the leaders of Member States, does the Commission still seriously claim that Ukraine is ready for membership and shares European values such as peace, respect for sovereignty and the rule of law?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission expects all partners, including candidate countries, to act in line with the principles of the UN Charter and to communicate responsibly.

In this sense, the Commission underlines that any suggestion of the use of force against Member States or their political leaders is incompatible with the principles of the UN Charter.

The EU's partnership with Ukraine is based on shared commitments to international law and respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Commission will maintain close cooperation and trust with all Member States.

At the same time, the Commission recalls that the EU remains committed to supporting Ukraine, in the face of Russia's war of aggression, which is a clear violation of international law and of the UN Charter, and European values such as peace, respect for sovereignty and the rule of law.

In addition, Russia's unprovoked and unjustified full-scale invasion of Ukraine gravely undermines European and global security.
