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Priority question for written answer P-000178/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Scope for the EU to counter US economic pressure on Denmark and Greenland

US President-elect Donald Trump has now repeatedly threatened Denmark with economic sanctions and has refused to rule out taking military action if his colonialist fantasies of annexing Greenland are opposed.

It is important that a clear signal be sent that an economic assault on one EU country will be met with a united response.

Accordingly:

1. What specific tools does the EU have for countering the threat of US economic pressure on one or more EU countries if it does not bow to its arbitrary and neo-colonial demands?

2. If the US suddenly decided *inter alia* to impose additional tariffs on Danish products and services and exert other forms of economic pressure because of the conflict over Greenland, how quickly would the EU be able to react?

3. If the US suddenly exerted economic pressure on Denmark and Danish interests, including through new and extraordinary tariffs, would the EU act automatically or would the Danish Government have to ask for action to be taken?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU and the United States (US) are each other's largest trading and investment partners and share a robust and deeply interwoven economic relationship.

The EU remains committed to fostering stable, balanced, and predictable trade relations with the US and to expand cooperation in key areas such as critical supply chains and emerging technologies.

The EU regrets unjustified barriers to free and fair trade, which harm European businesses, workers, and consumers. The EU will react firmly and proportionally to defend its trade and economic interests and has tools at its disposal to do so.

At the same time, the EU continues to be ready to engage in a constructive dialogue with the US, in order to seek a solution that avoids unnecessary harm to both economies.

Denmark and the US have been strong allies for decades and the EU is confident this will continue.

The Transatlantic relationship is founded on a shared history and strong bonds. For decades, this partnership has been a cornerstone of peace, security, and economic growth. The EU is ready to deepen and strengthen this relationship, discuss shared interests and address global challenges together.