

Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden

Ms. Kaja Kallas

High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Vice-President of the European Commission

Ms. Maria Luís Albuquerque

Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union

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Dear High Representative Kallas, dear Commissioner Albuquerque,

The EU will achieve its objective to reach a lasting peace only through continued support to Ukraine and increased efforts to constrain Russia.

Sanctions have been successful in weakening Russia's economy and restricting its war effort. But to remain effective in the face of Russian efforts to adapt and circumvent, our sanctions must be strengthened continuously.

Measures that target revenues from the export of oil are crucial since they reduce Russia's single most important income source. We believe now is the time to further increase the impact of our sanctions by lowering the G7 oil price cap, for a number of reasons:

- The international oil market is better supplied today than in 2022, reducing the risk that a lower price cap will cause a supply shock;
- In view of limited storage capacity and its outsized dependence on energy exports for revenue, Russia has no alternative to continued oil export, even at a substantially lower price.

A reduced oil price cap must go hand in hand with other measures to limit Russia's revenue from oil exports, including but not limited to increased action against the shadow fleet and sanctions against actors who facilitate Russian oil trade above the price cap.

We therefore request you to urgently advance the objective of a lower oil price cap in your deliberations on sanctions within the G7, including in meetings next week. We look forward to close dialogue on how we can co-operate toward this important goal.

Yours sincerely,

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