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Mr. President of the French Republic,

In my letter of December 8, 2025, I drew your attention to the major risks posed by the European Commission's proposed massive development of electricity grid interconnections between Member States.

Despite the reserves expressed by France when the proposal was presented to the Council on December 10, 2025, the Commission, supported by a few Member States, persists in its desire to push through the project and is accelerating its adoption process. Indeed, the President of the European Council has announced a new version of the project by March 6th, to be examined at the Energy Council meeting on March 16th, in order to prepare a third version to be presented before Easter with a view to obtaining an agreement between the Member States by June 2026.

The significant difficulties faced by some countries, such as Germany, in stabilizing their electricity grids, or the fear of another Iberian-style blackout, cannot justify such haste in developing such a project roughly estimated at €1.2 trillion. I emphasize that a significant portion of this investment would be borne by France, even though the French electricity system constitutes a pole of stability from which its neighbouring countries already benefit.

Faced with the ambition of the European Commission, which also wishes to manage the entire European grid, France must express its opposition with determination. The implementation of this "grid package" would have serious negative consequences for our country:

- Electricity prices would trend towards the European average, increasing by around 30% by 2035 according to estimates from the German Fraunhofer Institute, an objective clearly stated by Commissioners Ribera and Jorgensen. The economic and social consequences would be serious, ruining any hope of reindustrialization.
- From a technical standpoint, the stability of our electricity grid – currently very well ensured thanks to the inertia of the rotating machinery in our nuclear and hydroelectric power plants – would be severely affected by uncontrolled discharges of surplus solar and wind power production from neighbouring countries, particularly Germany. We can no longer pretend that the Iberian blackout of last April did not happen.
- France's environmental performance would also be negatively affected, as each MWh consumed would generate an average emission significantly higher than that of our nuclear and hydroelectric power plants.
- The Commission's takeover of the grids would constitute an unacceptable loss of sovereignty.

These observations must lead France to make the following demands:

- The responsibility of electricity-producing Member States for the stability of their chosen electricity mix must be fully recognized, and it is their responsibility to implement the necessary means to compensate for the variability of intermittent sources (solar and wind).
- Non-producing Member States must contribute their share – materially or financially – to the implementation of the compensation measures from which they benefit.
- In this regard, it is essential that ENTSOE reports the actual combined European solar and wind power production for 2024 or 2025, on a half-hourly basis, along with the corresponding compensation needs for their intermittency.
- ENTSOE should also report this data for each Member State to reveal their level of responsibility in the current dysfunctioning of the electricity market.
- The financial consequences for each Member State of the "grid package," as well as its impact on national electricity prices, should be presented by the European Commission.

All these requirements and demands must be a prerequisite for any in-depth discussion on the evolution of the interconnected European grid. These requirements should not be seen as a lack of solidarity among Member States. Solidarity has always existed to address temporary and unforeseen difficulties and will continue to exist. However, this solidarity cannot compensate for the unreasonable development of erratic and uncontrollable power production. As it stands, the project would lead to all Member States sharing the harmful consequences of decisions made by the governments of certain countries that lack rational or scientific basis, when the Lisbon Treaty assigns them full responsibility for their choices.

The stakes involved in this forced expansion of European grids are absolutely critical for France. The attitude displayed by the European authorities and certain states, contrary to the essential interests of our country, demands strong action from you at the European Council level. In this regard, we would be most grateful if you would provide the necessary instructions to the French government and our representatives to the European institutions.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, and please accept, Mr. President of the French Republic, the expression of my highest consideration.

Signed

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