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Statement of the Russian Foreign Ministry in connection with the anti-Russian decisions of the European Union

The results of the extraordinary EU summit in Brussels on May 30-31 this year. became yet another evidence of the degeneration of this integration association into an instrument of "containment" of Russia in line with the geopolitical guidelines of the United States and NATO . The EU is finally losing its independence and the peaceful unifying pan-European agenda that the founding fathers of "United Europe" invested in it.

In his "conclusions" dated May 30 of this year. EU leaders again did not say a word about the scenario for a peaceful negotiated settlement of the situation in Ukraine, which, as you know, is blocked by Kyiv. On the contrary, the European Union is purposefully pushing Kyiv ever closer to the edge of the abyss. It supports its militant ambitions with vague promises of EU integration, deliveries of deadly weapons and promises of money, incl. strangers, who in Brussels are not averse to confiscate from Russia, and are pondering how to do it. At the same time, the monstrous war crimes committed daily by Ukrainian neo-Nazi militants and their mockery of civilians are hushed up.

It is obvious that the main elements of the next package of anti-Russian unilateral restrictions agreed upon under the slogan of combating dependence on Russia will have a self-destructive effect for the European Union. Not without reason, it took Brussels almost a month to force the member countries to this "decisive" demonstration of solidarity.

The EU decisions to partially phase out Russian oil and oil products, as well as to ban the insurance of Russian merchant ships, are highly likely to provoke further price increases, destabilize energy markets, and disrupt supply chains. The next obstacles in the way of Russian goods will affect, incl. in the supply of agricultural products. Ultimately, such actions will backfire – undermine the economy and energy security of the EU. They will accelerate the looming global food crisis, which Brussels is lip service to trying to prevent.

Another demonstration of "double standards" is the repression of Russian journalists and the media in the EU countries. A new ban on the broadcasting of three more Russian TV channels there has been agreed. This, unfortunately, has already become the norm for the "beacon" of democracy and pluralism. In other words, the Western information space is finally cleared of dissent and signs of freedom of speech.

It is obvious to an unbiased observer that the illegal unilateral restrictions of Brussels are not only futile, but also harm, first of all, the inhabitants of the EU countries, aggravating their already difficult socio-economic situation. Against this background, the EU calls for third countries to support anti-Russian sanctions, regardless of the interests of their population, sound frankly cynical. And the policy of the European Union in this area is increasingly reminiscent of the tactics of "scorched earth". While creating lawlessness and arbitrariness in relation to Russia, the EU does not disdain calls for other countries to embark on this path. This is the real price of the EU assurances to respect the sovereignty and independence of states.

Against this background, the slogans to maintain European solidarity look hypocritical in order to prevent the loosening of the ranks and the weakening of the sanctions frenzy. We, and the whole world, have long understood: when the EU starts a song about solidarity, expect a new round of threats, political and economic coercion - a clear demonstration of how the "rules-based order" fostered by the United States and its satellites operates, where there is no international rights, nor respect for the principle of the sovereign equality of all members of the international community. "Law of the Jungle" and colonial instincts, and nothing more.

Russia will adequately withstand the consequences of the EU's unilateral restrictive measures and remain a reliable trading partner in the international arena. The entire responsibility for the risks of exacerbation of global food and energy problems provoked by the illegitimate actions of the European Union will lie solely with Brussels and its political sponsors in Washington.



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