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During her opening remarks, Ursula Von Der Lyen, European Commission President introduced the topic of Ukraine's recent attack, by warning "Today's events represent a turning point. Innocent women and children have fallen victim to Russian bombings. Many fear for their lives and all this in 2022 in the heart of Europe. »

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Ursula Von Der Lyen, said about President Putin when it comes to stability and scrutiny of Europe : "President Putin wants to bring the war back to the European continent and it is a full-fledged invasion of Ukraine that we are witnessing. This fundamentally calls into question the world order based on peace. ». The President of the European Commission, insisted on the unity of EU Member States, on a "united front" and that they "were unanimous in their condemnation of this unjustified and unfounded attack of extreme violence. The Kremlin will have to account for its actions. »

THE PACKAGE OF SANCTIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE HEADS CONCERNS THE RUSSIAN ECONOMY AND ELITE RELIES ON 5 PILLARS, OR 70% OF THE RUSSIAN BANKING SECTOR-----

She continued her speech on "The sanctions package adopted this evening by the Heads of State and Government demonstrates this. It will have maximum impact on the Russian economy and Russian elites. It is made up of five pillars. First, the financial sector, then the energy sector, then the transport sector, export controls and export financing bans, and finally visa policy. She then adds that "Financial sanctions will prevent Russia from having access to the main financial markets. We will target 70% of the Russian banking sector. State companies including in the field of defense will also be targeted. These sanctions will make it much more difficult for Russia to borrow in the financial markets, so inflation will be more severe and Russia's industrial base will be eroded. Russian elites will also be targeted, they will no longer be able to hide their assets or their heritage in different cities in Europe. Ursula Von Der Lyen, then explains the penalty over energy "the energy sector which is key for the Russian economy and which allows the coffers of the Russian State to fill up, our package of sanctions or restrictive measures will target more particularly the energy sector and the refinery sector. 24 billion euros in 2019 were earned by Russia thanks to the refinery of petroleum-based products. This is over"

BUSINESSMEN WILL NO LONGER HAVE PRIVILEGED ACCESS TO EUROPE THANKS TO DIPLOMATIC VISAS AND PASSPORTS Finally, the Chief of European Commission pointed out that "With regard to visas, diplomatic passports, service passports, business representatives will no longer be able to have privileged access to the European Union. »

She recalls the international coordination between the Member States of the European Union and the international allies, regarding the sanctions against Russia "As always, this package of measures has been drawn up in close consultation with our partners and allies, the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and Norway, I do not forget Australia, Japan or South Korea. Our unity is our great strength. The Kremlin knows this and has done everything possible to divide us. It's a failure, it's exactly the opposite that happened, today we are more united and more determined than ever. »

Ursula Von Der Lyen concluded that "these de facto events mark the dawn of a new era, a new era, our analysis must be clear. Putin is trying to get his hands on a peaceful neighboring country. He is trying to redraw the borders of Europe by force, he will have to fail and he will fail. she promised.../ Source: Elysee, European Council

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