

Quotes from Signatories to the Fayard Letter

Villy Søvndal MEP, member of the Greens/European Free Alliance Group and lead coordinator of the letter, said:

"If Europe truly wants to hurt Russia's LNG business with the embargo starting in 2027, the Arc7 fleet is the crucial link in the logistics chain. Fayard should not play into Russia's hands here and prepare the ships for a business that Europe actually intends to weaken."

Roberts Zīle MEP

Vice-President of the European Parliament; Member of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group

"We must remain vigilant and close loopholes to ensure sanctions remain effective. By continually adapting our sanctions, we demonstrate that Russia will face lasting consequences for its war of aggression against Ukraine."

Alex Sobel MP

Member of Parliament for Leeds Central and Headingley; Chair of the UK Parliament's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Ukraine

"I recently visited Ukraine and saw firsthand the destruction caused by Russian aggression. European companies should not be helping to sustain the fossil fuel revenues that finance this war. Fayard must stop servicing Russian-linked Arctic LNG tankers, while Glasgow-based Seapeak must take responsibility for its role in keeping this trade moving. Businesses across Europe must decide whether they stand with Ukraine or continue enabling the Kremlin's war economy."

Rihards Kols MEP

Member of the European Parliament, European Conservatives and Reformists Group

"Sixteen Arc7 tankers exist worldwide, and Fayard is the only European yard still willing to service them and keep them running. Every contract it signs extends Russia's Arctic LNG trade beyond the EU's own embargo deadline, funding Russia's war chest and paying for missiles targeting Ukraine's residential neighbourhoods, hospitals and schools."

"That is not a legal grey area. It is a moral choice, and right now Fayard is choosing wrongly. We have seen this pattern before. Ireland's Aghinish plant is, regrettably, still feeding Russia's defence industry with alumina under the same excuse of legality."

“Denmark has stood with Kyiv when it mattered. One shipyard should not be allowed to undercut that proud record and reputation for the sake of a maintenance contract. Fayard should stop servicing these vessels now, rather than waiting for someone else to make the decision for it.”

Oras Tynkkynen MP

Member of the Parliament of Finland; Co-Chair of the Ukraine Friendship Group

“After more than four years, Europe continues to finance Putin’s illegal war of aggression. This is absurd, this is wrong and this needs to stop. Whether it is Greek shipping, the Finnish metal industry, Belgian energy imports, Irish alumina exports or the Danish shipyard Fayard, Europe needs to sever all economic ties with Putin’s war machinery. The era of half-measures is over. European politicians need to introduce bone-crushing sanctions against Putin’s brutal dictatorship.

“Companies cannot hide behind the backs of politicians. What is clearly immoral cannot continue, even if it is still legal. Fayard and its owners need to bear their moral responsibility and stop servicing tankers with ties to Russian fuel exports. History will not judge kindly those who continue to profit from financing death and destruction in Ukraine.”

Virginijus Sinkevičius MEP

“European shipyards should not help keep Russia’s LNG fleet operational while Russia continues its war against Ukraine. Fayard must stop servicing these vessels and ensure that Danish maritime infrastructure is not used to prolong fossil-fuel revenues for the Kremlin.”

Małgorzata Tracz MP

Member of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland

“This is no longer just a commercial matter. European maritime infrastructure must not be used to sustain a war of aggression. We must cut off every avenue that allows Russia to finance its attack on Europe’s future.

“From a Polish perspective, supporting Ukraine is a fundamental national interest. The ongoing conflict is not merely a regional dispute. It is a war for the security, stability and very future of Europe. Ukraine is actively defending the borders of the free world, and its victory is essential for Poland’s own sovereignty and peace.

“To stop Russian aggression effectively, we must cripple the economic engine that funds it. It is absolutely necessary to dismantle the Russian fossil fuel sector systematically. These specialised Arc7 vessels are the lifeline of Russia’s Arctic LNG exports. Allowing them to be serviced in European shipyards prolongs their

operational lives and ensures that Russian fossil fuel revenues continue flowing to fund the war machine. This must end."

Marie Rimmer MP

Member of Parliament for St Helens South and Whiston

"Every spanner turned on an Arc7 tanker in a European shipyard boosts Putin's war machine. Six of these tankers are managed in Glasgow, and 11 are covered by British insurers. This must stop. We must act now or remain horribly complicit in financing Putin's war."

Maria Ohisalo MEP

Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance; former Finnish Minister of the Interior and Minister of Climate and the Environment

"It is high time for all Europeans to understand that financing Russia's energy machine also means financing Russia's war and killing machine. We need to stop Russia's war machinery once and for all."

Steve Darling MP

Member of Parliament for Torbay; Liberal Democrat Work and Pensions Spokesperson

"Having witnessed the absolute horror of a block of flats in Kyiv after it was blown up earlier this year, killing 24 people, including six children, it is clear that we need to use every means possible to defeat Putin's awful regime. Ukraine has been doing incredible work, including with long-range missiles, but it needs our full support."

Atte Harjanne MP

Member of the Parliament of Finland; Chair of the Green Parliamentary Group

"It is fossil fuel exports that enable Russia to continue killing and terrorising. European businesses should have no role in helping Putin fund his senseless and criminal war."

Kajsa Fredholm MP

Member of the Swedish Parliament; Climate Spokesperson for the Left Party

"They should stop feeding Putin's war chest!"

Jonas Sjöstedt MEP

Member of the European Parliament, The Left Group in the European Parliament

"These Arc7 tankers are a vital part of one of Russia's most lucrative businesses, directly helping to finance the illegal war against Ukraine. Without maintenance and repairs, Russia's ability to export LNG would be significantly weakened. Every

loophole left open and every service provided to these vessels make our sanctions weaker and give Russia more room to continue financing its war.”

Hanna Gedin MEP

Member of the European Parliament, The Left Group in the European Parliament

“Russia’s war economy depends on oil and gas exports. While Ukrainians are fighting for their freedom, companies in Europe are still helping to sustain the infrastructure that finances Russia’s aggression. That is morally indefensible. If we are serious about supporting Ukraine, we must stop the Danish shipyard Fayard from servicing Russian-linked LNG tankers and helping to grease the wheels of Putin’s war machine.”