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From: **Ilya Zaslavskiy** <[ilya@razomwestand.org](mailto:ilya@razomwestand.org)>

Date: Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 4:09 PM

Subject: Re: Briefing FAC committee on sanctions

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Hi Lance, Chris,

Thank you for our productive meeting yesterday.

As promised I wanted to share a few articles and links that came up in our conversation.

1. A joint report with partners in Germany that shows the rising volume of Russian LNG to Europe in the third year of war and how and why exactly it is happening with concrete recommendations at the end:

[https://www.duh.de/fileadmin/user\\_upload/download/Pressemitteilungen/Energie/LNG/Hintergrundpapier\\_Russisches\\_LNG\\_in\\_der\\_EU.pdf](https://www.duh.de/fileadmin/user_upload/download/Pressemitteilungen/Energie/LNG/Hintergrundpapier_Russisches_LNG_in_der_EU.pdf)

2. Among other things, this report shows the big extent of Russian energy projects in the Arctic and how significant China's participation in many of these projects. It also mentions examples of how Russian energy revenue from the Arctic allows Russian to built up more military capacity in the region:

<https://razomwestand.com/new-report-defusing-russian-oil-and-gas-projects-in-the-arctic-a-wake-up-call-for-climate-action/>

3. EU companies continue to use icebreakers of Rosatom's subsidiaries, this is potentially breaking UK sanctions and is not in US national interests:

<https://unearthed.greenpeace.org/2025/02/09/sanctioned-nuclear-icebreakers-help-export-gas-from-the-russian-arctic-bought-by-shell/>

4. Russian condensate is still being transported from US-sanctioned Arctic LNG 2 project, this is a low hanging fruit for further sanctions:

<https://gcaptain.com/russian-gas-condensate-deliveries-to-europe-continue-to-fly-under-radar/>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**I was hoping that you could please connect me to relevant staffers that work with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations or anyone else relevant working on Russian fossil fuel sanctions.**

For awareness and to connect you with more colleagues, I am adding my senior colleagues based in Europe. We would like to continue cooperation on information exchange.

Best regards,

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**From:** Ilya Zaslavskiy <[ilya@razomwestand.org](mailto:ilya@razomwestand.org)>  
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**To:** Kokonos, Lance <[Lance.Kokonos@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lance.Kokonos@mail.house.gov)>  
**Subject:** Briefing FAC committee on sanctions

Hello Lance,

I got your contact from a fellow staffer on the FAC who told me that you are a key staffer for the questions that I work on such as sanctions against the Russian energy sector and US-Ukraine aligned security and economic interests.

I work for Razom We Stand, a Ukraine-based and internationally active advocacy and research organization and want to offer to give a briefing on the issues that could be of interest to you and the FAC. Our website is [www.razomwestand.com](http://www.razomwestand.com)

To amplify the impact of your efforts, we would like to request an opportunity to brief your staff on the latest developments regarding US national economic and security interests in sanctions against Russian fossil fuel exports, especially LNG to Europe. On how Russia cooperates with China in the Arctic and weaponizes the seas, undermining key US regional economic and security interests, how red and blue states produce energy equipment that can work for expanding Ukraine's security and also US economic interests.

By working together, we can ensure that the new Trump administration can still implement the necessary steps to strengthen sanctions and align policy with our shared values.

I would be honored to meet with you at your earliest convenience in person (or by zoom if you prefer).

*I am distributing this information on behalf of Razom We Stand, and additional information is on file with the Department of Justice, Washington, District of Columbia.*

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Hello Tyler, Katie,

Thank you for our productive meeting yesterday.

As promised I wanted to share a few articles and links that came up in our conversation and you were interested in.

1. How Russia's Security Service FSB Gained Control Over the Yamal LNG Fleet Reportedly Setting Up Covert Cargo Operations:

<https://www.highnorthnews.com/en/how-russias-security-service-fsb-gained-control-over-yamal-lng-fleet-reportedly-setting-covert>

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5. This report is addressed to the UK government, urging it to remove P&I insurance from tankers carrying RU LNG. As I mentioned, Russia has granted permits for navigation through the Northern Sea Route to **28 LNG carriers (that is the exact number)**, both ice class and regular ones. The full list is provided in the Annex 2 of this report:

<https://razomwestand.com/new-briefing-paper-uks-strategic-leverage-against-the-kremlin-sanctioning-russian-lng-fleets-and-novateks-projects/>

6. EU companies continue to use icebreakers of Rosatom's subsidiaries, this is potentially breaking UK sanctions and is not in US national interests:

<https://unearthed.greenpeace.org/2025/02/09/sanctioned-nuclear-icebreakers-help-export-gas-from-the-russian-arctic-bought-by-shell/>

7. Putin Authorizes U.S. Hedge Fund to Buy Russian Securities

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2025/03/17/putin-authorizes-us-hedge-fund-to-buy-russian-securities-a88389>

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Best regards,

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p.s. can you please share the contacts of your two colleagues who were present at the meeting, so that I could forward the links to them as well.

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