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2. Germany considers it a priority that **Ukraine preserves its role as a transit country for Russian gas**. With a view to this political imperative, EU and Germany have actively supported the gas transit agreement between Russia and Ukraine in 2019. Germany will closely monitor the fulfilment of the obligations stemming from this agreement and will engage in order to reach an extension beyond 2024 as envisaged in the agreement.
 3. Germany and the USA are ready to make use of appropriate instruments to **counter any Russian attempts to exert pressure** on EU-Member states or third countries **in the energy sector**, in particular if Russia jeopardized the role of Ukraine as a transit country for Russian gas. To this end, Germany will call for a **sanctions regime** of the European Union, which would entail restrictive measures, should Russia act against Ukraine's transit role.
 4. The US and Germany are united in their support for a prosperous, modern and stable Ukraine. Germany therefore proposes the following:

Ukraine Resilience Package

- Continuation of Ukraine's role as a **gas transit** country.
- Safeguarding security of gas supply in Ukraine through **reverse flow** from EU-Member States



- Support Ukraine in examination of the state of the Ukrainian **gas transmission system** and exploration options for its modernization.

