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UKRAINE WARNS EU TARIFFS WILL HAMMER ECONOMY AND DENT FAITH IN BRUSSELS

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As the EU prepares to reimpose steep tariffs on Ukrainian farm goods next month, a top Ukrainian lawmaker has issued a blunt warning: The move risks not just economic damage to a war-battered ally, but a loss of trust in Europe itself.

Dmytro Natalukha, chair of the Ukrainian parliaments Economic Affairs Committee, traveled to Brussels this week with 11 fellow lawmakers to plead for a swift, long-term trade solution before the EUs wartime tariff waivers, known as Autonomous Trade Measures, expire on June 5.

This is the first time in our history a parliamentary committee has held a session outside the country, Natalukha told POLITICO. The symbolism matters. We are here because trade with the EU is critically important to Ukraine.

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