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## **G7 BACKS LIQUIFIED GAS AS SOLUTION, TO DISMAY OF CLIMATE ACTIVISTS**

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The Group of Seven rich nations put support for gas investments back into their communiqué on Saturday (20 May), calling it a temporary step as they try to de-couple from Russian energy, in a move climate activists say may hurt climate goals.

The April meeting of G7 climate ministers eventually agreed, despite tussles between Japan and European nations, that gas investments can be appropriate to help address potential market shortfalls following Russias invasion of Ukraine and the disruption it has caused in global energy markets.

Saturdays G7 leaders statement at their summit in Japans Hiroshima changed the language □ eventually formulated by Germany, sources say □ to include gas investments again, with the G7 saying it was necessary to accelerate the phase-out of our dependency on Russian energy.

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