

**Question for written answer E-002895/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Golden Triangle

The Zhao Wei transnational criminal organisation (TCO) is allegedly involved in drug trafficking, human trafficking, money laundering, bribery, wildlife trafficking and other forms of transnational organised crime. Much of this illicit activity is allegedly conducted through the Kings Romans casino organisation in the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone along the Mekong River. The United States Treasury Department imposed sanctions on the Zhao Wei TCO in 2018.

The Commission is asked to answer the following questions separately:

1. Can the Commission say how high the level of economic damage caused by the Zhao Wei TCO or the illegal activities in the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone has been for the EU? If so, how high, and in what context? If not, why not?
2. Can the Commission say why the EU has so far failed to impose sanctions against Zhao Wei and the Zhao Wei TCO?
3. Does the Commission recommend sanctioning Zhao Wei or the Zhao Wei TCO?

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