

**Question for written answer E-005056/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Follow-up request on activation of the blocking statute

In a written question¹ submitted in May 2025, MEPs belonging to the groups The Lefts, Greens/EFA, Renew, S&D and EPP questioned the Commission on the activation of the blocking statute, designed to neutralise the effects of sanctions imposed by non-EU countries. This followed on from the European Parliament's 2024 annual report on human rights, which requested urgent activation of this statute following the decision by the Trump administration to impose sanctions on the International Criminal Court (ICC).

In its response² of 30 July 2025, the Commission merely stated that it was closely monitoring the situation and considering 'effective measures'. To date, however, the Prosecutor of the ICC, two Deputy Prosecutors, six judges and the UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese remain under US sanctions, to which the EU has turned a blind eye. Parliament's travel agency even cancelled a hotel reservation in Ms Albanese's name because of these sanctions.

The three reports adopted by the AFET Committee on 2 December 2025 reiterate the call to urgently activate the blocking statute.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What is preventing action from being taken on this request?
2. How is it protecting EU citizens, operators and institutions against extraterritorial application of non-EU legislation?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002163_EN.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-002163-ASW_EN.html