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Subject: The European Parliament's call to trigger the blocking statute to protect and safeguard the International Criminal Court

In its resolution of 9 July 2025[1], Parliament called on the Commission to activate the blocking statute to protect and safeguard the International Criminal Court (ICC) as an indispensable cornerstone of the international justice system. In its resolution of 11 September 2025[2], Parliament repeated this call and added that European operators should be protected from the effects of US sanctions, and that the EU and its Member States should take any other diplomatic and practical steps necessary to defend the ICC and those cooperating with it, in line with the Member States' legally binding commitments to promote the universality and integrity of the Rome Statute.

1. Does the Commission concur with this Parliament position?

2. What is the reason why the blocking statute has not yet been triggered, considering Parliament's competence in respect of the interpretation and application of international law in so far as the EU is affected?

[1] European Parliament resolution of 9 July 2025 on the human cost of Russia's war against Ukraine and the urgent need to end Russian aggression: the situation of illegally detained civilians and prisoners of war, and the continued bombing of civilians, https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2025-0160_EN.html.

[2] European Parliament resolution of 11 September 2025 on Gaza at breaking point: EU action to combat famine, the urgent need to release hostages and move towards a two-state solution, https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2025-0199_EN.html.

3. Does the Commission intend to add the ICC sanctions to the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96[3] and implement this addition, in line with Parliament's position?

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[3] Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96 of 22 November 1996 protecting against the effects of the extra-territorial application of legislation adopted by a third country, and actions based thereon or resulting therefrom, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1996/2271/2018-08-07.