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Subject: Implementation of Case C-81/24 (Jenec) and protection against extraterritorial sanctions targeting international justice

The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) recently held that inclusion on a third country's sanctions list is not, in itself, sufficient to refuse a consumer's right to a basic payment account[1]. While such listing may be a relevant factor, any refusal must follow an individual assessment. This judgment is directly relevant for the International Criminal Court (ICC) officials, UN mandate holders and civil society organisations engaging with the ICC who have been subjected to US sanctions[2] and were consequently denied services by EU operators.

1. What concrete steps will the Commission take to monitor and ensure compliance with this judgment, and will it issue guidance to competent authorities and financial institutions?

2. How will the Commission factor this judgment into its announced assessment[3] regarding the activation of the EU Blocking Statute?

3. Is the Commission prepared to activate the Blocking Statute, as Parliament has repeatedly urged for[4], considering the CJEU's finding that 'overcompliance' of EU operators can lead to a violation of consumers' rights under EU law and, if not, how does it justify the continued lack of activation of the Blocking Statute, also in light of this judgment?

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1 CJEU Judgment of 11 June 2026 in Case C-81/24 (Jenec).
2 Executive Order 14203, 'Imposing Sanctions on the International Criminal Court'.
3 https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000718-ASW_EN.html.
4 See inter alia: 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 and 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.