

Question for written answer E-003341/2026

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: US sanctions against International Criminal Court President Judge Tomoko Akane and senior trial lawyer Abdoulaye Seye

On 19 August 2026, the United States imposed sanctions under Executive Order 14203 on International Criminal Court (ICC) President Judge Tomoko Akane and senior trial lawyer Abdoulaye Seye, bringing the number of sanctioned court officials to 13. The measures can exclude them from payment systems, banking, insurance, cloud and telecommunications services, including services from EU operators. European organisations have called for EU action. Under Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 2271/96¹ (the Blocking Statute), the Commission can adopt a delegated act adding third-country legislation with extraterritorial effects to the regulation's annex. Parliament has repeatedly called for the Blocking Statute to be used to protect the ICC and the EU has reiterated its support for the court.

1. Has the Commission concluded that Executive Order 14203 meets the criteria under Article 1; if not, what legal or factual threshold remains unmet?
2. Will it adopt a delegated act adding Executive Order 14203 to the annex, thereby covering the designations based on it, and, if so, when?
3. What immediate measures will the Commission take to protect the ICC and its officials from the denial of essential services by EU operators, and what guidance and enforcement coordination will it put in place once Executive Order 14203 has been added to the annex?

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¹ 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 (OJ L 309, 29.11.1996, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1996/2271/oj>).