

Question for written answer E-004160/2026

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Activate the EU's Blocking Statute to counter US sanctions targeting the ICC

The US sanctions against the International Criminal Court (ICC) are threatening the ICC's independence and its ability to investigate suspected war crimes. They could lead to European banks, insurance companies and technology companies breaking off their cooperation with the ICC for fear of punitive measures being taken by the US. Even before the sanctions came into force, suppliers such as AXA and Microsoft had already started to withdraw. As a result of the sanctions, the ICC will find it difficult to pay salaries and carry out its work, and its staff will suffer serious consequences.

In its answer to question E-002520/2026¹, the Commission expressed its view that diplomatic efforts should remain the course of action with regard to stopping the sanctions against the ICC. Now that it is clear that such dialogue has not brought about a solution and that the threat to the ICC's operations has increased:

1. Does the Commission now intend to include the US sanctions against the ICC in the annex to the EU's Blocking Statute to protect the ICC, its employees and the European actors that cooperate with them?
2. What steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that European companies can continue to provide the ICC with the necessary financial and technical services without fear of US sanctions?
3. The ICC was set up to investigate crimes against humanity that cannot be dealt with by national justice systems. What view does the Commission take of the fact that, with its sanctions, the US is undermining international law?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-002520-ASW_EN.html