

**Priority question for written answer P-003795/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Refusal of access to the European Parliament due to sanctions imposed by Ukraine against Iuliia Mendel

Iuliia Mendel, the former press secretary to the Ukrainian President Volodymyr Oleksandrovykh Zelenskyy, was subject to sanctions imposed by the Ukrainian President. As a result, she was denied access to the European Parliament building.¹²

To what extent do sanctions imposed in Ukraine have direct legal effect within the EU, given that Ukraine has significant shortcomings when it comes to the rule of law, Iuliia Mendel is not on a European sanctions list and Ukraine is not a Member State of the EU?

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¹ <https://www.ft.com/content/f395dab5-29cd-401b-bbaa-a546da9908e3?syn-25a6b1a6=1>.

² <https://www.lefigaro.fr/international/l-ancienne-porte-parole-de-volodymyr-zelensky-ioulia-mendel-affirme-avoir-ete-privee-de-discours-au-parlement-europeen-20260916>.