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The Commission will take into account the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Case C-81/24¹ in its ongoing work to ensure compliance with Directive 2014/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council².

As set out in its replies to previous written questions³, the Commission remains firmly committed to supporting the International Criminal Court (ICC) as a cornerstone of the international system of criminal justice and to safeguarding its independence and proper functioning. The Commission, in close contact with the ICC, the Member States and relevant stakeholders, is carefully assessing the effectiveness and proportionality of necessary measures to support the ICC.

Amending the annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 2271/96⁴ (the Blocking Statute) is one of the measures being assessed to safeguard the ICC. The Commission considers, however, that diplomatic efforts and dialogue remain the most effective course of action at this stage, taking into account the interests of the EU.

¹ Judgment of 11 June 2026, *Jenec*, C-81/24, EU:C:2026:470,
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:62024CJ0081>.

² Directive 2014/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on the comparability of fees related to payment accounts, payment account switching and access to payment accounts with basic features, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/92/oj>.

³ See among others: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-000718-ASW_EN.html and https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2025-002270-ASW_EN.html.

⁴ OJ L 309, 29.11.1996, pp. 1–6: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/1996/2271/oj>.