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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU supports the independence and impartiality of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and promotes the universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute.

In leading the fight against impunity, the ICC must be able to work independently and impartially. The EU remains committed to defending the ICC from any outside interference aimed at obstructing the course of justice and undermining the international system of criminal justice.

The bill passed by the United States (US) House of Representatives on 9 January 2025, which mandates the administration to impose sanctions on the ICC, represents a challenge to the Court's independence and risks undermining the international criminal justice system as a whole. The EU is following closely this process, which still needs to go through additional steps in the US.

The extra-territorial application of the US sanctions, as well as compliance by operators, could lead to the suspension of essential services and could have serious consequences on the daily functioning of the ICC and on all 17 situations currently under investigation in different regional areas where atrocity crimes were allegedly committed. The Commission is therefore carefully assessing the situation and preparing for all scenarios.

The EU will continue its unconditional support to the crucial work of the ICC and will closely monitor any impact in Europe.