

(English version)

**Priority question for written answer P-001396/25
to the Commission
Valérie Hayer, Sandro Gozi on behalf of the Renew Group
(4 April 2025)**

Subject: Hungary's withdrawal from the Rome Statute

On 3 April 2025, the Hungarian Government announced its withdrawal from the Rome Statute, the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court (ICC). All Member States have signed and ratified the Statute. Adherence to the values of the Statute, which are fully in line with the principles and objectives of the EU, and ratification of the Statute are also part of the EU *acquis*, to be fulfilled prior to becoming an EU member. Furthermore, since 2006, a cooperation agreement has obliged the EU and its Member States to assist the ICC ⁽¹⁾.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission share the view that withdrawal from the Rome Statute constitutes a violation of the EU *acquis*?
2. Which tools, including infringement procedures or budgetary measures, is the Commission willing to apply and committed to using in response to the withdrawal?
3. Which other concrete actions is the Commission planning to take as regards, for example, its general assessment on the basis of Article 2 and 7 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) and the possible initiation of the procedure under Article 7(2) TEU?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(13 May 2025)**

The EU firmly supports the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the principles set out in the Rome Statute. The EU is strongly committed to international criminal justice and the fight against impunity and will continue to cooperate with the ICC.

The Council Decision on which Member States' engagement with the ICC is based was adopted in 2011 (Council Decision 2011/168/CFSP ⁽²⁾ on the International Criminal Court). Support for the ICC forms part of the objectives of the EU's external action.

The Commission is in the process of analysing Hungary's announced withdrawal from the Rome Statute of the ICC in the light of the EU's *acquis*.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2006/313/CFSP of 10 April 2006 concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the International Criminal Court and the European Union on cooperation and assistance (OJ L 115, 28.4.2006, p. 49, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2006/313\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2006/313(1)/oj)).

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2011/168/oj/eng>.