

**Question for written answer E-005873/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: VP/HR - when will sanctions against Russia end?

The sanctions imposed on Russia by the European Union are having disastrous effects on the European economy and are ineffective diplomatically.

A number of Member States – Greece, Italy, Hungary, Spain, Austria, Slovakia and Cyprus – have therefore asked for these sanctions to be lifted.

1. When did the Commission plan for these sanctions to end?
2. While Russia, for its part, is planning to lift the economic sanctions imposed on Greece, does the Commission envisage also reducing certain sanctions to a minimum?