

**Question for written answer E-000049/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Sanctions in the event of human rights violations

The link between conflicts, human rights violations and corruption means that neglecting the latter has a negative impact on the EU's global sanctions instruments in the event of human rights violations.

By contrast, the US sanctions instruments include corruption as a fully-fledged criterion. The Global Magnitsky Program of the US allows the US Government to freeze the assets of and impose travel restrictions on individuals suspected and convicted of corruption.

The resulting major differences between the US's and the EU's sanctions instruments increase the risk of the EU's financial systems being exploited by those who commit serious human rights violations to transfer money to the West ¹.

Will the EU also introduce the 'US Magnitsky Act' in the EU or legislation which will have a similar effect?

¹ Rachel Owens and Sarah Gardiner, 'The case for corruption criteria in EU global human rights sanctions', Euractiv.com, 2 July 2019.