

Question for written answer E-000922/2020
to the Council
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Subject: Imposition of sanctions on the Ortega and Murillo regime in Nicaragua

On 19 December 2019, the European Parliament adopted by a large majority the resolution on the situation of human rights and democracy in Nicaragua (2019/2978 (RSP)), the third on the crisis in the Central American country since April 2018.

The text of the resolution welcomed the Council's decision to adopt the legal framework for the imposition of sanctions and called for a rapid establishment of the list of individuals and entities who are to be subject to restrictive measures for their key role in the violent repression of the protests, including President Daniel Ortega and his wife — and Vice-President — Rosario Murillo.

Given that two months have passed since the adoption of the resolution without any action being taken, and in light of the violence and repression to which the people of Nicaragua continue to be subject:

1. When does the European Council plan to approve the list of individuals and entities of the Nicaraguan regime to be sanctioned?
2. What exactly will these sanctions consist in?
3. Does the Council envisage the inclusion of Rafael and Laureano Ortega, children of the presidential couple, and of Ramón Avellán Medel in the list of individuals to be sanctioned?