

**Question for written answer E-004998/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Failure to freeze assets of Delcy Rodríguez

The arrival at the Madrid-Barajas airport on 20 January 2020 of Delcy Rodríguez, Venezuelan Vice President under the Maduro regime, accompanied by a large number of suitcases, ¹ possibly containing cash or other assets, ² has prompted widespread media speculation.

A number of restrictions have been imposed on her, including the freezing of 'all funds and economic resources' in her 'ownership, control or possession' within the European Union. In fact, EU law specifically requires Member States to freeze her assets under Council Regulation 2017/2063, as amended by Implementing Regulation 2018/899.

1. Is the Commission aware of a possible failure to apply this measure to Delcy Rodríguez, as indicated above?
2. If so, has it raised the issue at the meetings of the 'RELEX' (Sanctions) working party, which is attended by Commission representatives, calling for full disclosure regarding this alleged circumvention of EU restrictions ³ ?
3. Does it intend to investigate this possible infringement of EU law by the Spanish Government?

¹ https://www.abc.es/espana/abci-maletas-sequito-delcy-rodriguez-no-pasaron-controles-seguridad-202002192307_noticia.html

² https://www.vozpopuli.com/politica/gobierno-incautar-dinero-delcy-rodriguez-barajas_0_1334267505.html

³ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-5664-2018-INIT/es/pdf>