

Question for written answer E-003352/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: EU technology and repression in Myanmar

An investigation carried out by *Lighthouse Reports* and *The Intercept*, among other media outlets, and published on 14 June 2021 shows that EU companies have been exporting surveillance and forensic technology to Myanmar and that the Myanmar Armed Forces are currently using this technology against civilians.

1. The Swedish company MSAB confirmed that it had sold forensic tools that can break mobile phone encryption and extract records to the Myanmar police in 2019. Does this breach the ban on the export of dual-use goods or the restrictions on the export of equipment for monitoring communications imposed by the Council on 26 April 2018? If so, what measures have been taken to enforce the imposed restrictive measures and to prevent or cancel these exports?
2. Is the Commission aware of other exports of dual-use goods and technology from EU companies to entities or authorities in Myanmar, giving the military and police access to such tools? What measures have been taken to enforce the imposed restrictive measures and to prevent or cancel such exports?
3. Is the Commission's assessment that Myanmar's military or police used goods and technology provided by EU companies to monitor communications or for other surveillance purposes after the coup?