

**Question for written answer E-003553/2021**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 138  
**Lukas Mandl (PPE)**

Subject: The Council's reaction to the crisis in Nicaragua

On 8 July 2021, Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation in Nicaragua condemning the repressive actions of the Nicaraguan authorities against democratic opposition parties and calling on the Council and the Member States to swiftly expand the list of individuals and entities to be sanctioned, including the President and Vice-President of Nicaragua and their inner circle.

1. Does the Council intend to expand the sanctions against the individuals and entities responsible for human rights violations and for the repression of civil society and the democratic opposition?
2. If it does, what is the expected timeline, and how will the Council ensure that the population will not be harmed by the sanctions?
3. What measures will the Council take to facilitate a political solution to the crisis in Nicaragua?