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Subject: Inclusion of the parent company of the internet search engine and ride-hailing service Yandex on the list of Russian companies sanctioned by the Union.

The Commission has proposed a series of restrictive measures in response to the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine. The internet search engine Yandex, which also operates ride-hailing services in several Member States, is not one of the many Russian companies to face sanctions.

According to the Royal United Services Institute, Russian opposition activist Ivan Golunov was arrested in 2019 after police found him using data provided by Yandex. The same report also warns of security risks for users of the Russian company's road-transport services in the EU.

Certain Member States have revoked Yandex's licence owing to the Russian invasion, although the company continues to operate in other EU Member States and is expanding into Africa.

1. Does the Commission believe that Yandex's licence should be revoked in all EU countries?
2. Why has the Commission not included this company among the Russian companies owing to the invasion of Ukraine?
3. Does the Commission intend to work with partners in Africa to report on Yandex's activities and use of data?