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Subject: Lack of condemnation from the EU institutions of the sentence given to the Polish sexual and reproductive rights activist Justyna Wydrzyńska

On 14 March 2023, the Polish activist Justyna Wydrzyńska was sentenced to eight months of community service for helping a woman, who was a victim of gender-based violence, to have an abortion by supplying her with abortion pills.

Her sentencing sets a dangerous precedent within the EU. She is the first sexual and reproductive health and rights activist to be convicted in the EU in recent decades. However, neither the Commission nor the Council have issued any official statement on this matter. The work of women's rights defenders should be recognised and protected, not punished with fines or prison.

In this regard:

1. Does the Commission intend to take any measures against the Polish Government for its violation of the rights of sexual and reproductive rights activists as well as for its criminalisation and persecution of non-governmental organisations working in this field?
2. How is the Commission's current silence on the persecution and prosecution of European sexual and reproductive rights activists compatible with the condemnation of those same acts in non-EU countries?

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