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to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Combating serious acts of corruption affecting the EU's financial system

According to press reports, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, has presented a new EU regime for sanctioning people who commit serious acts of corruption anywhere in the world. The goal of that proposal would be to establish a horizontal framework 'to target serious acts of corruption worldwide' and, in particular, 'to safeguard [the EU's] values, fundamental interests [and] security' and to consolidate and support democracy, the rule of law and the principles of international law.

In view of the above, and given that passive or active corruption involving a public official or misappropriation of funds or assets by a public official radically undermines the EU's financial system:

1. What kind of sanctions will the Commission take against people who commit the aforementioned acts of corruption?
2. What steps will it take to safeguard the EU's financial interests?

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