

**Question for written answer E-003401/2023
to the Council**
Rule 138
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Subject: United action by the West to defeat Hamas and delay to EU sanctions

The countries of the West are united in condemning, including through action, Hamas's brutal and unjustified attack on Israel on 7 September. On 14 November 2023, the USA and UK imposed sanctions against Hamas-affiliated individuals and entities, seeking to target all mechanisms through which support is provided to Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, starting with Iran, which has transferred hundreds of millions of euros through the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

This is the third sanctions package announced by the USA since the attack. These measures come in addition to the existing UK sanctions against Hamas, including against the organisation itself.

Italy, France and Germany are on the front line in the struggle to isolate and defeat Hamas.

In view of the above:

1. Why have no new sanctions have been imposed on Hamas and all those linked to Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad?
2. Does the Council still think it can postpone the inclusion of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps on its list of terrorist groups?

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