

Question for written answer E-003493/2023/rev.1

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

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Subject: Russia evading international sanctions through third countries

Based on an investigation by Finnish national public broadcaster Yleisradio Oy, the Finnish manufacturer and supplier of air traffic control equipment, NRPL Aero, has disclosed that Finland sold 2.5 tons of radar equipment valued at EUR 1.3 million to the Kazakh supplier of software and hardware for radio navigation equipment, AG TECH LLP, on behalf of the Kazakh air navigation services provider, Kazaeronavigatsia. The equipment was delivered to Shymkent International Airport, but there is reason to believe that this radar equipment might be delivered to Russia rather than Shymkent.

Considering the recent statement by the World Liberty Congress condemning the Member States' collaboration with regimes that facilitate Russia's evasion of European sanctions, and Parliament's resolution on the effectiveness of the EU sanctions on Russia:

1. Is the European External Action Service aware of Kazaeronavigatsia receiving radar equipment from AG TECH LLP?
2. Can it confirm or deny with the Kazakh authorities whether Shymkent International Airport did, in fact, receive such radio equipment?
3. In the light of paragraph L of the recent Parliament resolution, how does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy intend to address the loophole of derogations?

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