

Priority question for written answer P-001019/2022
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Rule 138
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Subject: Targeted sanctions against Russian oligarchs in response to the Russian aggression against Ukraine

In response to the Russian aggression against Ukraine, the European Union has decided, on the basis of proposals from the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, to adopt a set of restrictive measures against the Russian regime. This includes targeted sanctions against a list of individuals. On 9 March 2022, an additional 160 individuals, including 14 oligarchs and important businessmen, were listed for actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. These oligarchs and businessmen are involved in key economic sectors providing a substantial source of revenue to the Russian Federation. The targeting of individuals who are connected to the Russian regime is an important measure in stopping the Russian aggression.

1. On what criteria was this decision based and which individuals are included in the list of restrictive measures?
2. Why are those criteria not applicable to the Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska (sole owner and chairman of the board of Basic Element, a major shareholder of the Russian automobile manufacturer and armaments group GAZ, and co-owner of the second largest aluminium producer in the world, the Russian RUSAL group)?
3. Which individuals could still be added to the list following a thorough analysis?