

**Priority question for written answer P-001542/2022
to the Council**

Rule 138

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Subject: Protecting the fashion industry

In response to the military aggression against Ukraine, the EU swiftly adopted a package of sanctions against the Russian regime.

Regulation (EU) 2022/576 in particular strengthened the framework for sanctions, completely banning the sale of goods with a manufacturer's unit value of over EUR 300, including in the fashion industry.

For contracts concluded before 9 April 2022, this prohibition will not apply until 10 July 2022.

However, as Russian banks have been cut off from the SWIFT system, many companies in this industry are unable to receive payments for orders (of goods with a unit value of EUR 300 or less too) delivered or en route.

In view of the above and the large sums that European companies need to recover, will the Council set up a system to ensure that these contracts are actually fulfilled?