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On June 5, the sanctions list on the basis of the Executive Order 14203 was expanded to four ICC judges in addition to the sanctions against the ICC Prosecutor from February 10.

These sanctions affect the interests of the judge from the EU Member State, as well as interfere with the independence and effective functioning of the Court itself. They also directly affect the credibility of the EU who is perceived as a long-standing champion of the support for justice and accountability, as well as the values on which the EU is built upon.

Slovenia believes that the European Commission should prepare everything necessary for the protection of the judge from Slovenia and the ICC, use available tools and explore other options. One of the tools available is the activation of the Council Regulation (EU) No 2271/96 (Blocking Statute). It may not be an optimal and comprehensive solution, nevertheless it would send a message of the intent to protect the EU interest and of the political support to the ICC, as well as provide practical measures for recovering the damages caused and protect further performance of activities of EU operators and subjects.