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Subject: The need to impose sanctions against entities trading in oil from ISIS

One of the most effective ways of destroying criminal organisations, including terrorist organisations, is to cut off their financial supply. A particularly important source of income for ISIS, an extremely barbaric and dangerous terrorist group, is the sale of crude oil.

A few days ago the American authorities proved that the Damascus regime is dealing in oil from ISIS, and that Russian and Cypriot traders are also involved. In response, Washington imposed sanctions against a further four people (including the influential Russian chess magnate Kirsan Ilyumzhinov) and six businesses (including the Russian Financial Alliance Bank and Hudsotrade Limited).

The Western world must stand united in the fight against terrorism, and the international community – including the EU – has already imposed sanctions against persons and businesses supporting the Assad regime.

In the light of the US Treasury Department's decision of 25 November 2015, is the EU planning to impose further sanctions against persons and businesses trading in oil from ISIS terrorists?