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to the Commission

Subject: The implementation of 'smart sanctions' against selected members of the Mugabe regime

Can the Commission clarify the precise extent of the asset ban and the travel freeze imposed on associates of President Mugabe and their families by the European Union in February of this year? Do the sanctions prevent family members of the listed associates from visiting the European Union or pursuing courses of study at educational institutions within the European Union?

There are reports that the Zimbabwean Commissioner of Police attended an Interpol summit in Lyons. Are those reports accurate and, if so, was the visit allowed to take place because of a prior international treaty commitment on the part of the French government or was there a discretionary element in the French government's decision?

There were also reports that two Zimbabwe government ministers entered the United Kingdom early in May. Are those reports correct, and, if so, were those visits consistent with the sanctions? Does the Commission have knowledge of any breaches of the sanctions on the part of any Member State?

Finally, has the Commission discussed with the South African government the full implications for Southern Africa of any further deterioration of the Zimbabwean economy and the likely consequences for South Africa itself if it fails to apply pressure on Robert Mugabe to give-up power and allow a new government to end the destructive economic and social policies currently pursued by his regime?