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Given the continued targeting of international judicial and human rights mandate holders by U.S. sanctions – including officials of the International Criminal Court and a UN Special Rapporteur – we would like to briefly return to this topic under AOB at the October JHA Council. These sanctions not only endanger the individuals concerned, including EU nationals, but strike at the heart of judicial independence and the international rule of law. At a time when multilateralism and accountability are under growing pressure, we believe it is essential for the EU to stand united in defending those who serve justice on behalf of the international community. A clear and principled EU voice is needed now more than ever. We therefore call for a dedicated Council discussion to examine how to protect the international rule of law and justice system.