

Dear Minister,

I am writing to invite you to attend the eighth meeting of the High-Level Group on sanctions implementation, which will take place in person in Brussels, on **Tuesday 28 October 2025**, starting at 9h00.

The focus of this eight meeting will be on strengthening the implementation of recent energy measures and enhancing the efficacy of maritime sanctions, especially in addressing the challenges posed by the shadow fleet. We will also exchange views on successful enforcement practices among Member States, providing valuable insights and fostering a collaborative environment.

Ensuring the effective implementation of sanctions adopted by the EU remains among the main priorities of the European Commission, in particular in response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. Therefore, I would like to bring together once again high-level representatives from all Member States and the relevant Commission services working in the field of sanctions implementation and enforcement, in order to continue our discussions and enhance common efforts in these areas.

During the morning, Member States will have the opportunity to exchange views and actively participate to the discussion on implementation and enforcement of Union restrictive measures, identify best practices, and jointly reflect on how to improve coordination going forward.

In the afternoon, EU Sanctions Envoy Mr David O'Sullivan will convene the Sanctions Coordinators Forum, bringing together Member States and our international partners and allies. As on previous occasions, colleagues from Ukraine will join for a dedicated session.

Please find attached the agendas for both the High-Level Group meeting and the Sanctions Coordinators Forum. I thank you for your continued support on this important matter and look forward to this exchange.

Yours faithfully,

Maria Luís Albuquerque