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## HEAD OF FRENCH SENATE WANTS SANCTIONS LIFTED OFF RUSSIA

### HOW FAR DO EU-US SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA GO

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'Monsieur Larcher supports lifting the economic sanctions against Russia. He is also strongly against any sanctions against parliamentarians, any restrictions in their work,' she told reporters on Wednesday.

Earlier this week former French Prime Minister Francois Fillon called upon President Francois Hollande to cancel all sanctions against Russia so the two countries can unite in the common fight against terrorism. Fillon called the French authorities' reluctance to cooperate with Russia the main mistake in the whole anti-terror campaign and said that the start of such cooperation would 'pave the road to a larger anti-terror coalition.'. (RT)

Russian state banks are now excluded from raising long-term loans in the EU, exports of dual-use equipment for military use in Russia are banned, future EU-Russia arms deals are banned and the EU will not export a wide range of oil industry technology...Dozens of senior Russian officials and separatist leaders are now subject to Western asset freezes and travel bans....An asset freeze affects not only bank accounts and shares but also economic resources such as property. So those on the list are not allowed to buy or sell their assets in the EU, once the freeze is in force....(BBC sept. 2014)

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