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THE EU GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS SANCTIONS REGIME, A YEAR AFTER: SOME CERTAINTIES AND MANY A DOUBT

On 7 December 2020, the EU solemnly announced it was finally establishing a global human rights sanctions regime (EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime). A year after, restrictive measures against 14 persons, 4 entities and one armed group entered into force. This article aims to discern to what extent the regime constitutes an *ex novo* category whereby the EU has provided itself with a real sanctioning power, both for reasons of its own security and for the achievement of its external objectives. To this end we will examine the origin, procedure and particularities of the aforementioned regulations (II), to then analyse the legal nature, means, objectives and scope of the measures approved (III). Then, we will address some reflections on the certainties, doubts and expectations that their application is raising (IV), to subsequently end the present work with some conclusions and final thoughts.