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### Abstract

Human rights abuse in Belarus has again become a topical issue on the European Union's agenda alongside political rights violations since 2020. The Union sees its role in influencing the internal policy of the proclaimed Belarusian government for it to start respecting human rights. As a united body, it has instruments to exercise its foreign policy instruments, such as restrictive measures, negotiations, and communication. The dynamics of their usage have been changing, but there is still potential to review and adapt possible European responses.

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