Question for written answer E-006162/2014 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Julie Girling (ECR)

Subject: VP/HR - Human rights in Equatorial Guinea

I have previously been in touch with the High Representative concerning human rights in Equatorial Guinea.

Since the 2009 Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Equatorial Guinea, I have received detailed responses and assurances from the High Representative that the EU is monitoring the situation closely. As far as I am aware, it is still unclear how the Government of Equatorial Guinea is implementing the recommendations of the UPR, and I do not believe that any updates have been received by the UN Human Rights Council.

Will the EU be seeking answers on exactly what actions have been taken by Equatorial Guinea following the UPR recommendations?

Will the EU commit to continuing to raise issues such as the rule of law, freedom of expression, prison conditions and the use of torture with the Government of Equatorial Guinea?