

**Question for written answer E-008430/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Role of the private sector in international cooperation and development policies

The Council Conclusions on the role of the private sector in development of 23 June 2014 establish specific criteria and principles – e.g. the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the conclusions of the GPEDC High-Level Meeting of April 2014 – that the private sector is expected to adhere to in its development-related activities, but which were not included in the Commission Communication of May 2014 on the same issue.

How does DG Development and Cooperation intend to put its Communication into effect and ensure that the principles laid down in the Council Conclusions are complied with?