

**Question for written answer E-001013/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Homophobic legislation in Kyrgyzstan

Is it not a contradiction that Kyrgyzstan is trying to forge closer relations with the European Union and yet, at the same time, is drafting legislation to ban what it refers to as 'homosexual propaganda'?

The bill which is currently being examined would establish administrative or criminal penalties for those who 'call for the adoption of an attitude favourable to non-traditional sexual relations', especially if such views are expressed 'via the media or information and communication networks, including the Internet'. Furthermore, this bill would modify legislation pertaining to public gatherings, with a view to banning LGBT pride marches and similar events.

1. Can the Commission confirm our position, i.e. that legislation of this ilk does not comply with international standards as it restricts freedom of expression and contributes to creating a climate of hostility and prejudice on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to adopt?