

Question for written answer E-001546/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Kyrgyzstan - Draft law on LGBTI propaganda

On 15 October 2014 the Kyrgyz Parliament passed in first reading draft law 6-11804/14, which contains amendments to the Criminal Code, the Code of Administrative Responsibility, the Law on Peaceful Assembly and the Law on Mass Media. This law aims to prohibit the promotion, whether openly or indirectly, of non-traditional sexual relations and provides for penalties of up to one year's imprisonment.

This law, which represents a serious threat to the LGBTI community in Kyrgyzstan, is contrary to UN Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/17/19 of 17 June 2011 and UN Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/27/32 of 24 September 2014 on human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity. It is therefore also contrary to Articles 2 and 92 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the EU and Kyrgyzstan.

Will the EU suspend the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Kyrgyzstan if law 6-11804/14 is finally passed?