

**Question for written answer E-002147/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Presidency of the African Union

On Friday, 30 January, the Zimbabwean dictator Robert Mugabe was elected Chair of the African Union at the organisation's summit in Addis Ababa. Robert Mugabe has been under sanction by the European Union since 2002 for serious violations of human rights in his country and for alleged corruption.

According to its Constitutive Act, the African Union defends democracy, the fight against corruption, and replacement of the ruling élites in Africa. Zimbabwe and its dictator can be readily indicted on all three counts. The election of Mugabe is also in flagrant contradiction to the principles the African Union claims to defend.

Will the High Representative be letting all the African states that are members of the African Union know that she firmly condemns this travesty of democracy? What pressure will she be putting on the African Union to respect its principles of democracy and transparency?