

**Question for written answer E-002654/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Tool-box for rights-based approach to development cooperation

Following the adoption in 2012 of the Agenda for Change and the EU Strategic Framework on Human Rights and Democracy, the EU committed itself to moving towards a rights-based approach to development cooperation. In 2014, the Commission therefore developed a tool-box for working towards a rights-based approach to development cooperation, with the aim of integrating human rights principles into EU operational activities for development, covering arrangements both at HQ and in the field for the synchronisation of human rights and development cooperation activities.

One of the concepts underlying the tool-box is the use of human rights dialogues and conditionality as leverage, in a positive or negative manner (incentive or disincentive), to encourage compliance with human rights principles and standards by linking the provision of aid to such compliance.

1. Has the rights-based approach tool-box become operational yet?
2. Can the Commission provide concrete examples of how the toolbox has been used in development cooperation, e.g. freezing development aid when a government has refused to show commitment to protecting human rights?