

Question for written answer E-003021/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Charles Tannock (ECR)

Subject: VP/HR - Gambia Supreme Islamic Council (GSIC)

The Gambia Supreme Islamic Council (GSIC) reportedly issued a press release earlier in 2015 labelling Ahmadi Muslims as infidels and encouraging the wider Gambian public to refrain from social and business interactions with the community. The Ahmadiyya community in the Gambia was first established in 1961 and has played an active role in society since then, with members of the community being represented in government, parliament and wider public life. The Gambia is an overwhelmingly Muslim country with a small Christian minority where religious freedom is respected, with inter-marriage between Christians and Muslims not uncommon.

1. Is the High Representative/Vice President aware of these reports and what assessment does she make of them?
2. Will the EEAS make representation to the Gambian authorities, seeing their assessment of these reports and calling for the government to reject the statements of the GSIC?