

**Question for written answer E-003593/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Proposal for a regulation on conflict minerals

The main objective of the proposal for a regulation on conflict minerals (COM (2014)0111) is to break the nexus between conflicts and the illegal exploitation of minerals. So-called conflict minerals undermine governments' efforts to maintain inclusive socio-economic development, good governance and the rule of law. The regulation does not concern solely activities carried out within the EU, and its effects will not be limited to the EU; it will concern and have implications for third countries as well, in particular developing countries.

What measures will the Commission adopt to ensure efficiency in development cooperation in this regard, and can the Commission ensure that these measures will be incorporated in the regulation?