

**Question for written answer E-004294/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Human rights violations in Venezuela

The European Union is funding projects through the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) with the aim of contributing to worldwide development and consolidation of democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. In 2013 the EU allocated EUR 900 000 through the EIDHR to finance projects in Venezuela.

According to a Human Rights Watch investigation, the Venezuelan Government is currently detaining political opponents and was responsible for widespread abuse against protesters and bystanders during last year's demonstrations.

1. Will the Commission condemn the grave human rights violations being committed by the Venezuelan Government against political opponents and protesters?
2. Will it ask for the release of people who are arbitrarily detained and for the bringing to justice of those responsible for abuses against protesters?
3. What measures is it taking to effectively implement the use of European funds for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Venezuela?