

Question for written answer E-005000/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Abolition of the death penalty in Fiji

The European Union Delegation for the Pacific has welcomed the abolition of the death penalty in Fiji, regarding it as a sign of 'commitment to respect for human rights' in Fiji and a signal to other countries of the Pacific that still consider killing to be a form of punishment.

Did the European Union apply any pressure by way of its delegation on the Fiji authorities to encourage them to take this step?

In its dealings with the USA does the EU include the issue of the death penalty in its political dialogue with that country?