

**Question for written answer E-007846/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Death sentence for Mohamed Morsi

The former President of Egypt, Mohamed Morsi, was sentenced to death by the Cairo courts on 16 May 2015 for his involvement in violent incidents during the 2011 uprising and for conspiring to help prisoners escape from Egyptian prisons.

According to press reports, a further 100 Muslim Brothers have been sentenced alongside Mohamed Morsi. Officers of the Brotherhood are arguing that this is a political verdict and that it is a crime in itself to enforce the death penalty.

In view of the EU's position on the death penalty, will the Commission say:

- Does it intend to take any action to avert this, especially as Egypt participates in the European Neighbourhood Policy, which defines certain standards concerning the rule of law?
- What action does it intend to take to put a stop to death sentences being handed down anywhere in the world, especially in States with which it maintains commercial, economic and political relations?