

**Question for written answer E-007974/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Johannes Cornelis van Baalen (ALDE)**

Subject: VP/HR - Political crisis in Burundi

Is the VP/HR of the opinion that the President of Burundi, Pierre Nkurunziza, should step down, as his bid for a third presidential term is a breach of the Burundian constitution and has provoked widespread violence and political unrest as well as a (failed) military coup?

What action will the VP/HR take to prevent further escalation of the conflict and encourage a process of mediation between all political, civil and military actors in order to find a peaceful solution in a post-Nkurunziza Burundi?

Is the VP/HR prepared to reassess EU-Burundi development cooperation if the situation does not improve, and to investigate whether Burundian politicians and military officials responsible for the political violence can be put on a visa blacklist and refused entry into the EU?