

**Question for written answer E-007984/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Shutting down of Greenpeace India

Greenpeace's India branch claims to be threatened with being imminently shut down after the Indian Government froze its accounts.

If this proved to be true, it would clearly be a very serious blow for Indian civil society, which is struggling for the environmental and social rights of the country's population to be respected.

Moreover, it would be the first time one of this NGO's national branches has been shut down since 1971.

What is the Commission's stance on this case, in view of the need for protection of the Indian public's environmental and social rights?