

**Question for written answer E-008014/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights in Algeria

During the plenary session held in Strasbourg in April 2015, the Parliament expressed concern regarding human rights and rule of law violations in Algeria. In particular, it called upon the Union to include a chapter on human rights in its Algeria action plan.

Algeria is often criticised by NGOs for its lack of democracy and for its repeated attacks on individual freedoms.

Via the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights, the Union intends in particular to 'support civil society in promoting democratic reforms and respecting human rights in Algeria'.

1. What line is the Union taking with regard to democracy and human rights in bilateral EU-Algeria meetings?
2. What measures have been taken by the Union to promote democracy in Algeria?
3. How can the Union combine a bottom-up approach to encourage the development of civil society and a top-down approach consisting of granting aid on the condition that democratic reforms are implemented by the Algerian government?