

**Question for written answer E-008428/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Extra EU aid for Central African Republic

The European Union is increasing the amount of aid it provides to the Central African Republic (CAR). The European Commission made an additional EUR 72 million available during a special conference on the CAR in Brussels¹ which was attended by Lilianne Ploumen, Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation.

Together with the Netherlands, Germany and France, the EU set up the Bekou fund last year for the CAR. Over the past two years, the EU has mobilised EUR 377 million for the African country.

1. Does the Commission believe that distributing EUR 72 million of taxpayers' money to one of the most corrupt countries in the world (at 2.4, the CAR's score on Transparency International's Corruption Index is seriously inadequate, and it is in the lamentable position of 150th out of the 175 countries measured) can be justified to the (Dutch) taxpayers who have to cut down on their spending more and more each year in order to pay levies to Brussels, among other expenses?
2. How will the spending of millions of euros of (Dutch) taxpayers' money be supervised?
3. Can the Commission indicate the specific results which have actually been achieved with the EUR 377 million of taxpayers' money which has been handed out to the CAR over the past two years? Please provide an overview.

¹ http://www.telegraaf.nl/buitenland/24081789/___Extra_EU-steun_voor_CAR___html