

**Question for written answer E-009580/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Extremely worrying human rights situation in Egypt

Various NGOs working to defend human rights are raising the alarm regarding human rights violations. They point out that 2 600 people have died in acts of violence since mid-2013, and that over 80 people have died in custody.

According to the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, the situation is alarming, particularly due to misuse of the law on demonstrations or the anti-terrorism law.

In April, the International Federation for Human Rights condemned the indiscriminate use of sexual violence against all those apprehended by the security forces.

Lastly, Amnesty International considers that the death penalty has become 'the favourite tool for the Egyptian authorities to purge the political opposition'.

In view of these various reports, what measures does the Commission intend to take to force the Egyptian authorities to put a stop to such intolerable violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms?