

**Question for written answer E-009585/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Efforts at national reconciliation in Sri Lanka

The new Sri Lankan President, Maithripala Sirisena, has been attempting to reconcile the two communities in his country since he entered into service on 9 January 2015.

This is no easy task, as conflict between the mainly Hindu Tamil minority and the Buddhist Sinhala majority has lasted for twenty-seven years and cost more than 100 000 lives.

What is more, it appears that the army, which is dominated by an overwhelming Sinhala majority, is showing signs of resistance.

How is the EU supporting the national reconciliation process in Sri Lanka?