

**Question for written answer E-010754/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Request from the International Criminal Court to arrest Omar al-Bashir

On 14 June 2015 a South African court ordered the South African authorities not to let President Omar al-Bashir of Sudan leave the country until the courts had taken a decision on the request for his arrest sent to Pretoria by the International Criminal Court (ICC), which on 28 May had reminded South Africa that, as a State Party to the ICC Rome Statute, it had an obligation to arrest Omar al-Bashir and hand him over to the ICC if he entered South African territory.

Mr al-Bashir has been indicted for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, and the ICC has issued two warrants for his arrest, one in 2009 and a second in 2010.

1. What is the Commission's attitude to the ICC's request to South Africa?
2. Can the European External Action Service exert pressure on the international community to ensure that Omar al-Bashir will be arrested and handed over to the ICC in order to stand trial?