

**Question for written answer E-010831/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU-Zimbabwe relations

Recently the EU has pledged aid to Zimbabwe to the sum of USD 270 million to support agriculture and health improvements, alongside the lifting of the sanctions and travel bans that had been imposed on many senior government officials, excepting Robert Mugabe and his wife.

In light of the calls from Zimbabwe's Finance Minister, Patrick Chinamasa, for the 'unconditional lifting of sanctions against our Head of State and First Lady', are there any ongoing negotiations on the possibility of such a ban being lifted so as to allow Robert Mugabe and his wife to travel to Europe and unfreeze his assets on Europe's mainland?