

**Question for written answer E-012523/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: Mohamed Cheikh Ould Mkhaitir

A young Mauritanian blogger named Mohamed Cheikh Ould Mkhaitir has been found 'guilty of blasphemy', which carries the death penalty in his country. Mohamed used his blog to highlight the way in which Islam was being appropriated to propagate a strict hierarchy as well as systemic discrimination between social classes.

For millions of people across the world, the European Union represents a beacon of freedom and democracy. We therefore cannot stand idly by while this miscarriage of justice happens.

Will the Commission denounce these actions by the Mauritanian government and try to spare this young man's life?