

Question for written answer E-014187/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Republic of the Congo

In defiance of the constitutional and democratic rules accepted hitherto by the country's authorities, President Sassou Nguesso has decided to amend the constitution of the Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville) so that he can serve a third term.

The EU Member States cannot ignore this violation of the Congo's constitutional rules, which limit the President to a maximum of two terms and which were only recently negotiated with the opposition.

The African continent, which over the past 50 years has experienced costly and bloody conflicts that continue to have repercussions in Europe as well, is unstable enough as it is without further problems in the Republic of the Congo.

1. Can the Vice-President/High Representative say what steps the Commission will take to compel President Sassou Nguesso to comply with his own country's constitution?
2. Will the Commission call on France, where leading politicians have been and remain very close to President Nguesso, to use its influence in order to stop this flagrant violation of the law?