

**Question for written answer E-009130/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Suspension of HIV prevention programmes in Tanzania

On 31 October 2016, the Tanzanian Minister of Health Ummu Mwalimu announced that signing up to HIV prevention programmes would be banned and existing schemes frozen because they were 'promoting and normalising same-sex relationships'. As a result of HIV awareness campaigns, the number of people infected with the virus has dropped sharply in the space of just a few years, but in Tanzania it still affects 30% of gay men, and the government's decision could therefore have serious consequences for the health and lives of thousands of people.

1. Has the EU delegation taken any specific action to address this issue in accordance with the EU guidelines on LGBTI rights published in 2013?
2. Given that human rights are a cornerstone of the Cotonou Agreement between the EU and, amongst others, the countries of the East African Community, how will the High Representative guarantee that human rights and the right to health of LGBTI people are upheld in Tanzania?