

**Question for written answer E-009203/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Infringement of the right to freedom of assembly in Poland

The Polish Parliament, on a proposal from the ruling Law and Justice party (PiS), has recently approved at first reading a bill seeking to restrict the right to freedom of assembly. The bill contains a number of broad concepts that enable the government to authorise demonstrations in line with arbitrary criteria. This goes against the Polish Constitution.

The Commission has acknowledged on a number of occasions that there is a systemic threat to the rule of law in Poland, following the adoption by the Polish Government of a number of laws and reforms, including the legislation that has affected the Constitutional Court. At the same time, the Polish authorities have so far ignored recommendations issued by the EU institutions.

Bearing the above situation in mind:

1. Does the Commission take the view that the bill – if adopted as it currently stands – chimes with the values referred to in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU)?
2. If not, will it be submitting a proposal to the Council under Article 7 TEU to determine whether there is a clear risk of a serious breach by Poland of the values referred to in Article 2 TEU?