

**Question for written answer E-009338/2016  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - The death penalty in the Philippines

On 29 November 2016, the Judicial Reforms Subcommittee approved Congress House Bill No. 1 (Death Penalty Law), which would reinstate capital punishment for 'heinous crimes', including murder, piracy, and the trafficking and possession of illegal drugs. A house vote on the bill is likely before the end of 2016.

Considering that the failure of the death penalty as a crime deterrent is globally recognised and that reinstating the death penalty would violate the Philippines' international legal obligations, does the VP/HR intend to hold talks with the Government of the Philippines on the need to abolish the death penalty?