

**Question for written answer E-000208/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Rhinoceros poaching

In 2015, a record number of 1 338 rhinoceros were killed by poachers in Africa. According to the non-governmental organisation IUCN, 2015 was the sixth consecutive year in which rhinoceros poaching figures rose, notwithstanding the fact that South Africa outlawed the rhinoceros horn trade in 2008 and an international ban was introduced under CITES in 1977. However, although South Africa is home to 80% of the world's rhinoceroses, poaching appears to be on the rise in Namibia and Zimbabwe.

What steps will the EU take to stop rhinoceros horns being smuggled through Member States or sold illegally to buyers in the EU?

Can the Commission make the granting of EU development aid conditional on countries fulfilling certain requirements, such as combating rhinoceros poaching?