

**Question for written answer E-001737/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Human rights violations in Hungary

Violations of democracy and human rights by the Hungarian Government continue to escalate. This week we learned that Hungary recruited nearly 3 000 'migrant hunters' to form a militia to patrol its border. These 'migrant hunters', who belong to neither the police force nor the military, will be entitled to carry firearms, truncheons, pepper spray and handcuffs.

1. How much longer will the Commission tolerate Viktor Orbán and his government's attacks on the rule of law, political freedom and democracy, and on the work of non-governmental organisations?
2. What is the Commission view's on the recruitment by a Member State of 'migrant hunters', authorised to carry firearms, truncheons, pepper spray and handcuffs?
3. If the Commission considers penalising Member States for failing to meet deficit targets by suspending EU funds to those countries, does it not think that such a penalty could be more justifiably imposed on a Member State that has repeatedly and without fear of the consequences violated human rights within the EU?