

**Question for written answer E-002152/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Motorcycle ban in Mali

The Malian authorities have issued a ban on the use of motorcycles in the district of Macina, Ségou Region, in an attempt to reduce radical militants' mobility and the expansion of radical armed groups in central Mali. The ban has already had a severe impact on the population's access to basic services and humanitarian operations. Less than a month after the ban was decided, according to humanitarian organisations, admissions to treatment centres for severe acute malnutrition dropped by 50 % and paediatric health consultations by 34 %. In addition, outreach strategies for vaccination campaigns, as well as ante- and post-natal care of mothers, have completely stopped in this area. Finally, the ban has also had a negative impact on local social and economic dynamics, raising a significant risk of reduced livelihood opportunities.

Will the VP/HR raise this issue with her Malian counterparts, and encourage the Mali authorities to abolish this counterproductive ban?