

**Question for written answer E-002910/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Response to persecution of homosexuals in Chechnya

In recent weeks we have heard continual and increasingly frequent reports of the persecution of homosexuals in Chechnya by Ramzan Kadyrov, the leader of the Chechen Republic. In the light of the European Convention on Human Rights, particularly Article 14 (Prohibition of discrimination) and Title 1 (Right to liberty and security), I wish to ask the Commission how we, as a Union, can respond:

1. Is the Chechen regime supported financially or otherwise by the EU? If so, what form does this aid take?
2. Is the Commission considering possible measures such as – but not confined to – halting any aid to Chechnya and/or other sanctions?