

**Question for written answer E-006489/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Prevention of HIV among members of the LGBTI community in Tajikistan

Recently the Government of Tajikistan been engaged in actions designed to intimidate and clamp down on NGOs and activists seeking to prevent the spread of the HIV virus and other sexually transmitted diseases among members of the LGBTI community, for example. The police have been carrying out large-scale raids on NGO premises, demanding details of prevention programme beneficiaries. These threats are deterring members of the LGBTI community from going for check-ups, thereby increasing the risk of propagating the virus.

Considering the prominence given to healthcare in EU-Tajikistan cooperation provisions and the affirmation contained in the 2014-2020 Multiannual Indicative Programme (pp. 4-5) to the effect that EU programmes must ensure that health services are provided without discrimination (access of vulnerable populations [...]),

Can the Commission provide the following information:

1. Is the EU delegation aware of these acts of intimidation against the NGOs in question?
2. What measures are being envisaged by the VP/HR with a view to protecting the health of members of the LGBTI community in Tajikistan and ensure their access to healthcare services, especially when it comes to containing the HIV virus?