

**Question for written answer E-006752/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Money laundering and tax evasion in any part of the world where EU-based organisations are involved

The EU is South Africa's most important development and trade partner. The Commission is probably aware of the recent scandal involving the South African President Jacob Zuma and companies owned by the Gupta family. In this scandal, there have been a number of recent developments in the field of money laundering and tax evasion.

The Commission's most recent proposal for a revision of the anti-money laundering directive clearly states, that before concluding trade, association and partnerships agreements with third countries, the EU should take into consideration a clear reference on the effectiveness of those countries' anti-money laundering systems.

Given recent developments, can the Commission guarantee it will take up this matter at the next political meeting with the South African authorities held within the framework of the EU-Southern African Economic Partnership?