

Question for written answer P-002310/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Johannes Cornelis van Baalen (ALDE)

Subject: VP/HR - Prosecution of Anwar Ibrahim, opposition leader in Malaysia

1. Is the Vice-President / High Representative aware of the prosecution of Anwar Ibrahim, leader of the Malaysian opposition party PKR, who has been sentenced to five years in prison for violating Malaysia's sodomy law, after a political process that dragged on for more than seven years?
2. Does the Vice-President / High Representative share the view that Malaysia discriminates and criminalises lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people by enforcing the sodomy law? Does it also consider the prosecution of Anwar Ibrahim to be politically motivated and therefore unacceptable (as it curtails the opposition in Malaysia)?
3. What steps will the Vice-President / High Representative take to pressure the Malaysian authorities into releasing Anwar Ibrahim and abolishing the discriminatory sodomy law?