Question for written answer P-000802/2016 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Philippe Juvin (PPE)

Subject: VP/HR - EU/Burundi consultations and serious human rights violations

The security situation in Burundi is deteriorating all the time. The re-election of Pierre Nkurunziza for a third term has led to major unrest, which is being violently put down. Several NGOs have reported that executions have taken place, provoking a major refugee crisis.

Despite consultations launched by the EU and African Union mediation, the situation appears to be worsening by the day. A recent memo from the head of the UN peacekeeping operation warns that the worst is to be expected. Real solutions are therefore more urgent than ever.

- 1. Would the EU support the deployment of peacekeepers under chapter VII of the UN Charter in order to bring an immediate end to the violence?
- 2. What progress has been made in the consultations with the Burundian authorities?
- 3. Are preparations being made for further restrictive measures targeted against the regime?

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