

Question for written answer P-002909/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Response to persecution of gays in Chechnya

In recent weeks we have heard continual and increasingly frequent reports of the persecution of homosexuals in Chechnya by Ramzan Kadyroy, 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 High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy about 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 High Representative holding consultations about possible measures such as halting any aid to Chechnya and/or other sanctions?