

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5075/07
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to the Commission

Subject: The EU-Africa Strategy - the African Decade on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

We are all aware of the important work under way between the EU institutions and the Governments of Africa on the drafting of an EU-Africa Strategy and the interest on both sides in considering structural change in order to put in place a more effective EU-Africa partnership which must include a role for participation by parliaments and civil society.

In light of the political support given by the African Union to the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities and the support it gives to the African Decade and in view of the European Commission's expressed support for advancing the signing, ratification and implementation process of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, would the European Commission consider a role for the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities secretariat in the design of a new institutional framework? And will the European Commission support a clear reference and support structure for the advancement of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities within the Action Plan of the EU-Africa Strategy?