

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3452/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Attacks on immigrants in South Africa

In recent weeks there have been reports of various attacks of a most serious nature on migrant foreigners, especially Mozambicans, in South Africa.

These incidents are a cause of major concern to those who had thought that the times of turbulence, and indeed violence, were now over in South Africa. In addition, the violence and gravity of these acts is deeply disturbing. In view of this and considering the EU's role in the world, as well as its role with South Africa as a privileged partner, can the Commission state whether it has taken or will take any action in the wake of these incidents, whether it is in contact with the authorities of both countries on the matter, and whether it believes the EU can in any way make a positive contribution to dealing with these this grave circumstances?