

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0840/09  
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to the Council

Subject: Measures to promote, ensure and guarantee respect for human rights in Sri Lanka

The European Union pursues a global development policy for the ACP countries with the aim of bridging the north-south divide. Despite this proactive policy, there is still much to be done, including with regard to respect for human rights.

Numerous observers, notably the special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and the Committee against Torture, have expressed their deep concern regarding respect for human rights in Sri Lanka.

Does the Council intend to intervene within the context of bilateral relations in order to promote, ensure and guarantee respect for human rights in Sri Lanka?