

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0889/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Local elections in Togo

Lack of funds has stopped Togo from conducting local government elections. This is what the nation's Prime Minister, Gilbert Fossoun Hounou, disclosed on 24 January on national television. Togo has not held local elections since 1985, and municipalities are currently run by special appointees, a move widely seen as illegitimate.

Has the Commission been contacted with regard to additional funding for these elections and is it prepared to provide it?