

**Question for written answer E-3544/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Referendum in Southern Sudan

In January 2011 a referendum will be held by the Southern Sudanese on the future of Southern Sudan.

What is the planned extent of EU involvement in this referendum in Southern Sudan?

Should the result of the referendum be in favour of secession, to the knowledge of the Commission, what arrangements have been put in place by the Government of Sudan to ensure a viable and peaceful transition to a free and independent state for the South with a fair allocation of natural resources?