

**Question for written answer E-011504/2012
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - EU policy towards Rwanda in relation to the situation in eastern DRC

The situation in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo is once again very serious. Even though external pressure, including from the EU, persuaded the rebel M23 force to leave Goma after a few weeks of occupation, much greater effort is required from the outside world. We in the EU cannot be content just to manage or limit the conflict. We have to start working more actively to effectively resolve it.

It is common knowledge that the personal relationship between the rebel leader Bosco Ntaganda and Rwandan President Paul Kagame is fairly deep and goes back to the time when they were active together in the Rwandan Patriotic Front. It is also widely recognised that Rwanda's involvement in the current conflict in the DRC, in the form of active and passive support to M23, is a contributory factor in extending and deepening this conflict.

1. What action has the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union taken, or does she intend to take, against Paul Kagame to express the EU's strong displeasure with Rwanda's involvement in the conflict in eastern DRC?
2. What sanctions can be considered by the EU to limit Rwanda's ability to continue to support the conflict in eastern DRC?