

**Question for written answer E-008457/2013  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 117  
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Subject: VP/HR - Rwanda: the case of Victoire Ingabire

At the plenary session in May 2013, Parliament adopted a Resolution on Victoire Ingabire<sup>1</sup>, in which it expressed its grave concern over the situation in which the Rwandan opposition leader finds herself, having been sentenced in October 2012 to eight years' imprisonment after she spent 16 years in exile and was barred from standing in the 2010 presidential elections.

Parliament observed that Victoire Ingabire's initial trial did not meet international standards and condemned all forms of repression, intimidation and detention of political activists, journalists and human rights activities, while urging the Rwandan Government to comply with international law and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. What is more, in its Resolution Parliament expressed its concern that 19 years after the RPF came to power, and two years after the re-election of President Kagame, Rwanda still has no active opposition political parties.

- What measures has the Vice-President / High Representative taken, or does she intend to take, to monitor the situation of Victoire Ingabire and other members of the Rwandan opposition, to ensure that this Resolution is not sidelined?
- Given that a number of witnesses have admitted that their previous testimonies were false, and that another witness has said that evidence was fabricated, and given the ongoing and fresh irregularities in the use of witnesses and their testimonies, as well as the Public Prosecutor's constant manoeuvring to delay the legal proceedings, how does the Vice-President / High Representative intend to ensure that Victoire Ingabire's appeal hearing takes place swiftly and fairly?

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution P7\_TA(2013)0233.