

**Question for written answer E-010595/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
Lucas Hartong (NI)**

Subject: Development aid from the EU budget to the den of thieves that is Somalia

Today it was announced¹ that in the next three years the Commission intends to give €650 m in development aid to Somalia. Even at the time of the announcement, the EU was receiving serious warnings: 'Terrorist attacks continue to be a stability threat, and human rights, in particular women's rights, remain at risk'. Amnesty International has also stated: 'Large-scale human rights abuses are occurring as people are being forcibly evicted from camps. Sexual violence is widespread and the inability and unwillingness of the Somali authorities to investigate and bring the attackers to justice contributes to a climate of impunity'. Transparency International² ranks Somalia in 174th place on the index of corruption and unreliable governance. A lower ranking would not be possible, as only 174 countries are listed.

How is it possible that the Commission, plainly failing to display an ounce of common sense, can transfer so much money from hardworking Dutch taxpayers to the den of thieves that is Somalia, which is administered in a totally unreliable manner and is extremely corrupt? Has the Commission completely taken leave of its senses? Please account for this in detail.

¹ http://www.euractiv.com/development-policy/new-deal-somalia-business-usual-news-530491?utm_source=EurActiv%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=d2d986c0fa-newsletter_daily_update&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bab5f0ea4e-d2d986c0fa-245708337

² <http://cpi.transparency.org/cpi2012/results/>