

**Question for written answer E-001529/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Changes to the law in Ukraine

The Ukrainian Parliament recently adopted changes to the law to restrict anti-government demonstrations. The draft law in question was put forward by President Viktor Yanukovich's Party of the Regions. This law presents a significant risk as regards respect for the basic rights and human freedoms of Ukrainian citizens. It may significantly restrict freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, which is unacceptable in a modern, democratic society.

What is the Commission's attitude to Ukraine's new, repressive laws?

Is the Commission planning to adopt specific measures in this respect?

Will these steps taken by the Ukrainian Parliament have an impact on relations between the European Union and Ukraine?

If so, what specifically?