

**Question for written answer E-005317/2014  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
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Subject: VP/HR - Guinea-Bissau - aftermath of elections and future outlook

The recent elections in Guinea-Bissau potentially mark the end of the so-called transition period following the coup d'état of 12 April 2012 and a return to constitutional normality in the country.

Despite this initial step, which is both civic and formal, the country's problems are not going to disappear after the elections and, once the results are known, might even worsen.

The European Union must engage in this attempt to rebuild the country and – if the elections were free, fair and in compliance with international best practices, which appears to be the case – work with the democratically elected government to promote profound reforms, which will have to include military and security issues.

I therefore ask the High Representative:

1. What is her assessment of the elections in Guinea-Bissau?
2. Is she willing and able to work with the future legitimate authorities of Guinea-Bissau to help restore genuine constitutional rule in the country? How and with what measures does she intend to do this?
3. Does she not think that, given the extent of the problems facing Guinea-Bissau, the country will be able to move towards peace, progress, development and social and institutional stability only if it receives committed, appropriate aid from the international community? And that this aid needs to be provided in a coordinated fashion?
4. Does she think the European Union should signal its commitment to democratic values and the rule of law in Guinea-Bissau and seek a new, closer and more consistent relationship with the country? With particular regard to military and security issues, is she willing and able to encourage the international community's greater involvement in reforms in these areas?