

**Question for written answer E-005318/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: East Timor - Parliamentary capacity building

On 24 March, I received the first parliamentary delegation from East Timor to the European Parliament in Brussels.

On this occasion, the members of the delegation expressed their thanks to European institutions for supporting East Timor's move towards independence, and said they would like to be able to count on these institutions' greater involvement in building the parliamentary capacities of East Timor's National Parliament.

In particular, the Timorese MPs said they would like to receive training from MEPs and Member States' national MPs, particularly from speakers of their country's official languages, to improve their skills and capacity for political and legislative action.

I therefore ask the Commission:

1. Is the Commission willing and able to help provide a positive response to the appeal made by the Timorese MPs?
2. In what ways is the Commission already promoting capacity building for Timorese politicians? What means and methods are being used? And what results have been achieved?
3. Is the Commission prepared to support a greater exchange of experiences and help promote training activities such as the ones requested? Under what terms and conditions?
4. Is the Commission willing and able to hear the requests and concerns of members of East Timor's National Parliament and help to improve their capacity for political action?