

**Question for written answer E-006654/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Ukraine

Contrary to the many favourable comments that one hears in EU circles, the Ukrainian Government under Poroshenko is becoming increasingly authoritarian. Just since mid-February, at least 15 opponents of the government have been murdered or reported missing, including Mikhail Chechetov, Stanislav Melnik, Alexander Peklushenko and Oleg Kalashnikov. Recently, on Thursday, 16 April 2015, the prominent Ukrainian journalist Oles Buzyna, who was known for his pro-Russian views, was shot dead by two masked men near his home in Kyiv. The West says nothing about these political assassinations.

1. Does the Commission condemn the violation of human rights in Ukraine?
2. Will the Commission continue to give funding to Ukraine despite the flagrant human rights violations?
3. Will the Commission suspend these payments so long as these violations continue?