

**Question for written answer E-000948/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The provision of EU funding to countries in the Middle East

With regard to the concerns surrounding EU financial assistance to countries in the Middle East:

1. From which EU programmes or funds is financial assistance provided to countries such as Saudi Arabia, Libya, Syria, Iraq, Iran and Egypt? What amounts are involved?
2. Do the EU institutions monitor how the EU funding provided to those countries is spent?
3. When the EU grants funding to those countries, is account taken of whether they uphold the rights of religious minorities, in particular the persecuted Christian minority?