

**Question for written answer E-002795/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Future of EU assistance to Tunisia

Special Report No 3/2017 by the European Court of Auditors entitled 'EU Assistance to Tunisia' highlights the fact that EU funds played an important role in the democratic transition and the economic stability of the country, but it also underlines too many priority areas to which the Commission is committed, thereby limiting the impact of its funding.

That dispersion seems to go against the principles stated in the European consensus on development and in the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, which stipulate that donors should be committed to a maximum of three sectors per country.

However, in its Joint Communication to the Parliament and Council on 29 September 2016, entitled 'Strengthening EU support for Tunisia', the Commission reiterated its intention to continue to cover a broad spectrum of areas of focus.

Bearing in mind the Court of Auditors' report, can the Commission:

1. specify whether it is planning to reduce the EU's areas of focus, with a view to better concentrating the effects of the funding in priority areas?
2. indicate the areas that it believes to be a priority for the coming years in Tunisia?