

**Question for written answer E-005814/2017**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Maria Arena (S&D)**

Subject: VP/HR - Coordination between donors in Burundi

The decision of the European Union to suspend financial support or disbursements of funds (including budgetary support) directly benefiting the Burundian administration or institutions has not been replicated by other major donors such as the World Bank (WB), the Global Fund, the African Development Bank (ADB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This divergent approach greatly weakens the position of the Union. Moreover, a greater coordination and exchange on the various possible approaches would allow good and bad arrangements for supporting the Burundian people in the current state of political crisis to be discerned and identified.

What efforts have been, are being, or will be undertaken in order to achieve a better coordination and reach a common position among the main bilateral and multilateral donors in Burundi?

What are the bottlenecks and what role will the EU play in facilitating such coordination?