**Question for written answer E-003321/2018**

**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - The conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea

Twenty years after the border conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea began, the tense situation is still unresolved. Concerns remain about the stalemate[[1]](#footnote-1) and its negative impact on the political climate, peace and security, and for its hampering of regional cooperation and exchange.

The Commission recently stated[[2]](#footnote-2) that the appointment of Ethiopian Prime Minister Dr Abiy Ahmed brings new hope as he has pledged to work towards democracy, the rule of law and respect for civil liberties, and has vowed to engage with the Eritrean authorities to end the conflict.

Against this background, we would like to ask the VP/HR the following questions:

What actions is the EU taking to support an end to the longstanding conflict between the two countries and to achieve greater exchange and cooperation with the region?

How does the EEAS currently work to support full implementation of the provisions of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission’s decision, where Ethiopia after 16 years still holds territory contrary to the Boundary Commission’s decision?

1. http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/04/13/declaration-hr-eritrea-ethiopis-boundary-commission/ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=E-2018-001672&language=EN [↑](#footnote-ref-2)