

Question for written answer E-001371/2019
to the Commission
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Subject: Macro-financial assistance, civil society and Ukraine

In their joint statement on the provision of further macro-financial assistance (MFA) to Ukraine¹, Parliament, the Council and the Commission recall that a pre-condition for granting MFA is that the beneficiary country respects effective democratic mechanisms, the rule of law and human rights. The joint statement also emphasises that further MFA to Ukraine will be conditional on progress in the fight against corruption, and must contribute to values shared with the European Union, including sustainable and socially responsible development that leads to employment creation and poverty reduction, and a commitment to a strong civil society. In its information note to Parliament and the Council of 30 November 2018 about the disbursement of the first instalment of MFA to Ukraine², the Commission underscored the fact that concerns about human rights persist.

Can the Commission explain whether and how human rights concerns are addressed in practice within the framework of the MFA programme?

What is the Commission doing to uphold the commitment to a strong and independent civil society in Ukraine within the framework of the MFA?

¹ Texts adopted, P8_TA(2018)0255.

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/economy-finance/information_note_-_mfa_ukraine_1st_instalment.pdf