

Question for written answer E-002016/2020/rev.1

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Algeria's reaction to Parliament's resolution on human rights situation in the country

Since 2005, Algeria has been party to a trade agreement with the EU. In November 2019, Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation of human rights in the country[1]. Through its state press agency, Algeria condemned Parliament's 'blatant interference' in its internal affairs, and expressed its intent to re-evaluate its trade cooperation and partnership with the EU. Recently, there has been instability in the country: the price of oil is low and severe ongoing restrictions are in place on steel imports from the EU, which put pressure on the Algerian economy. Should the situation escalate, this could create further instability in the Southern Neighbourhood and disrupt trade flows.

1. Has the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative taken any action regarding the situation in Algeria following Parliament's resolution?
2. Have there been any changes in the EU's relationship with Algeria, and has Algeria taken any official action?
3. Can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative provide an update on the situation in the country and the main trade flows at risk?