

**Question for written answer E-006169/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU development aid and armed conflict in Ethiopia

Following the outbreak of hostilities in Ethiopia, the African Union and the UN have come forward with offers to mediate that have met with a favourable response in the Tigray region. However, Ethiopian Government insists that this is a domestic matter and is refusing mediation.

1. Given that Ethiopia is the largest recipient of European development aid in Africa, how has the Commission sought to use this as a lever to induce the Ethiopian Government to accept a ceasefire and peace talks?
2. What is the Commission doing to avert a threat of famine as a result of this armed conflict?