

Question for written answer E-001339/2022

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

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Subject: Refusal by Kosovo to allow ethnic Serbs to exercise their right to vote in Serbian elections

Since the Kosovo war, members of the Serb minority in Kosovo, which has a large Albanian majority, have regularly taken part in Serbian elections in polling stations in Kosovo, under the auspices and with the practical assistance of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

However, Kosovo is refusing to allow Serbs to vote in Kosovo for the presidential, parliamentary and local elections scheduled for 3 April.

The embassies of France, Germany, Italy, the UK and the US have accused Pristina of not 'defending the principle of protection of the civil and political rights of all its citizens, including minorities'.

In addition, the EU has urged Serbia, a candidate for accession, to participate in the current sanctions against Russia, but has not said anything to Turkey, even though it is in the same position.

Could the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy:

1. State the European Union's position on Kosovo's refusal to allow Serbs to exercise their right to vote in Kosovo in the Serbian elections on 3 April?
2. Say whether he intends to impose sanctions on Kosovo?
3. Explain the difference in treatment between Serbia and Turkey with regard to sanctions against Russia?