

Question for written answer E-000717/2023

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

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Subject: Follow-up to the European Parliament resolution on violence against opposition activists in Equatorial Guinea, notably the case of Julio Obama Mefuman

On 16 February 2023, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the persecution of opposition activists in Equatorial Guinea and, notably, the death of Julio Obama Mefuman¹. It is the first resolution concerning the African country since 2002.

Ninety-five per cent of Members at Parliament voted in favour of this historic resolution that, among other things, urges the EU and its Member States to suspend all forms of military, police and security cooperation with Equatorial Guinea and calls for sanctions against regime members who have committed human rights violations.

In view of the above:

1. What follow-up action is the Vice-President/High Representative going to take with regard to this resolution?
2. When will the European External Action Service prepare the proposal for a decision or, together with the Commission, the proposal for a regulation on the sanctions against regime members who have committed human rights violations?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0050_EN.html