

**Question for written answer E-001033/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU aid to Uganda

Uganda's parliament recently passed a bill proposing even tougher penalties for gay people. In Uganda, homosexuality is already punishable by life imprisonment, but under the new law people could face the death penalty for being gay.

President Yoweri Museveni has not signed the bill into law yet, and he could still veto it. He has previously said that he supports the bill, but also that he wants to protect relations with the West.

And it is precisely those relations with the West that could block this bill. Uganda receives huge amounts of development aid from the EU. Since 2017, the EU has sent EUR 248 million in aid to the country.

In the light of the aforementioned figures:

Has the Commission considered threatening to suspend aid to Uganda? Such a threat might well convince President Yoweri Museveni not to sign the bill.

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