

**Question for written answer E-001920/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Death penalty for gay people in Uganda

A brutal law on homosexuality has been passed by the Ugandan parliament. People now face the death penalty in certain cases for being gay and merely identifying as gay can result in receiving a prison sentence of 10 years.

President Yoweri Museveni recently signed the law, thus making it a reality. "Homosexuals are a deviation from the norm", Museveni said, who is 78 years old and has been in power since 1986.

Uganda receives huge amounts of development aid from the EU. Since 2017, the EU has sent EUR 248 million in aid to the country. We owe it to taxpayers to place requirements on recipient countries. Governments that violate human rights, oppress their own citizens or wage war with other countries should not receive any of our tax money. In the case of Uganda, this should mean the EU withdrawing aid completely. It is undignified that we send money to countries where homosexuality is punished by death.

1. Has the Commission considered suspending aid to Uganda? If not, until when will we contribute to cementing a dictator through our generous aid?
2. Can we really continue to transfer money and ignore the fate of gay people?

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