

**Question for written answer E-002465/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: 15th BRICS Summit

The 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg approved expansion of the group to include six new countries. The BRICS countries thus account for 46% of the world's population and 37% of global gross domestic product. Expansion of the BRICS group and the economic and geopolitical power it represents clearly demonstrate that a multipolar world is rapidly becoming a reality.

1. Does the Commission regularly assess the impact of the BRICS countries' close economic and geopolitical cooperation on the EU, and what conclusions have been drawn to date?
2. One of the BRICS countries is the Republic of South Africa. The South African Government, led by Cyril Ramaphosa, is conducting a policy of expropriating white farmers (without compensation) and turning a blind eye to the murder of hundreds of white farmers on their farms ('plaasmoorde'). The Republic of South Africa, which is said to be highly corrupt, enjoys the status of strategic EU partner, however, receiving up to EUR 281 million in EU development assistance and almost half a billion euros in loans from the European Investment Bank. What initiatives has the Commission taken during this parliamentary term to force the Republic of South Africa to respect the rights of white Afrikaners?

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