

**Question for written answer E-000751/2024/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Tunisia budget disbursement

On Monday 4 March 2024, the Commission announced the disbursement of EUR 150 million in budget support to Tunisia to stabilise its macroeconomic situation and improve public finance management and the business climate. However, Tunisia's involvement in numerous human rights violations, including the mistreatment of migrants, arbitrary arrests and expulsions, raises concerns. These human rights violations signify a disregard for international standards and contradict the EU's values.

1. Given Tunisia's significant backsliding on fundamental values since July 2021, including human rights violations such as arbitrary arrests and expulsions of migrants, what specific criteria and assessments were utilised to evaluate Tunisia's adherence to fundamental values and deem that it meets the requirements for budget support?
2. In the light of Tunisia's human rights violations, can the Commission provide clarification as to how procedures and criteria are employed to assess compliance regarding the conditions for budget support?
3. Since September 2023, what formal assurances has the Commission received from the Tunisian authorities regarding Parliament's access to EU-funded projects in Tunisia, as stipulated in Article 14 of the TEU?

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