

**Question for written answer E-001303/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Foreign relations and development cooperation with Burundi against the backdrop of the President of Burundi's agitation against homosexuals

1. Which reactions and concrete measures have been adopted by the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the European External Action Service in response to the public statements made by the President of Burundi, Évariste Ndayishimiye, on 29 December 2023, in which he called for the public stoning of homosexuals?
2. How does the Commission judge the public statements of the Burundian President in light of the decision to resume development cooperation with Burundi only two years ago, after the EU had suspended all direct funding to the Burundian Government in 2016 because of its disregard for human rights and its failure to stop a wave of deadly violence?
3. Is the Commission planning to critically review development cooperation with Burundi, both with regard to the level of funding and to the channels of cooperation? If so, how, and if not, why not?

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