

**Major interpellation for written answer G-001002/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 139

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Subject: Recognition of the right to a healthy environment

Parliament has repeatedly called for the promotion of the right to a healthy environment. More specifically, Parliament has called for the EU to promote global recognition of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment at a global level¹.

Furthermore, it has called for the Union to take action to introduce the right to a safe and healthy environment in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and to fully comply with Article 37 thereof. Parliament has also stressed the importance of close cooperation with states and all relevant institutional actors involved in ensuring the proper implementation of human rights and environmental provisions², and that the EU should lead the initiative to recognise a similar right internationally³.

1. Could the Commission explain in detail what steps it has taken, and intends to take, to ensure the recognition of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment at the global level?
2. Does the Commission agree that it is not enough to only take steps at the global level, but that they are also needed at the European level?
3. Does the Commission agree with Parliament that the right to a safe and healthy environment should be included in the Charter? If so, what measures does the Commission intend to take, and what is the timeline? If not, why not?

¹ European Parliament recommendation of 9 June 2021 to the Council on the 75th and 76th sessions of the United Nations General Assembly (Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0278), https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0278_EN.html

² European Parliament resolution of 19 May 2021 on the effects of climate change on human rights and the role of environmental defenders on this matter (Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0245), https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0245_EN.html.

³ European Parliament resolution of 9 June 2021 on the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: Bringing nature back into our lives (Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0277), https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2021-0277_EN.html