

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2694/99  
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to the Commission

Subject: Measures to resolve the conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea

Can the Commission indicate what measures it intends to take with regard to the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia?

At the Joint Assembly with representatives of the ACP countries last October in Nassau the Members of the European Parliament requested the Council to take all the necessary measures to ensure that Ethiopia accepts and implements the peace plan proposed by the OAU. Up to now, Ethiopia has still not committed itself to the agreement and is still violating the fundamental rights of the Eritrean citizens resident on its territory.

Article 5 of the Lomé Convention provides for the suspension of cooperation between the European Union and the ACP States in cases of violation of human rights. Can the Commission indicate the reasons why it continues to cooperate with Ethiopia?