

WRITTEN QUESTION P-2206/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Situation of the poor in Nairobi

55% of the population of Nairobi, approximately 2 million people, are living in slums scattered around the urban area without there being any relevant building policy. The economic, social and health conditions in these settlements are appalling and unfit for human beings. Most of the slums are on publicly-owned land which the government considers as unoccupied land which it can sell. When that happens the poor inhabitants, who have no legal entitlement, are forcibly evicted and their shacks are demolished, without there being any prospect of alternative accommodation.

Can the Commission say, in the context of its cooperation policy with the developing countries, what it thinks of this urgent and complex issue and whether it has taken the problem into account in its relations with the Kenyan authorities?