

Question for written answer P-001969/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Uganda's Anti-Homosexuality Bill

On 23 January, the Ugandan Parliament formally submitted to the President the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, making homosexuality a criminal offence. Last weekend, President Museveni indicated that he was willing to sign it.

1. Does the VP/HR consider that signing this bill into law would constitute a serious violation of the rights of sexual minorities and is therefore unacceptable?
2. What action has the VP/HR already taken to prevent President Museveni from signing the bill?
3. Does the VP/HR consider that the European Union should take measures against Uganda if the President signs the Anti-Homosexuality Bill? What measures is the VP/HR considering?
4. Various Member States (the Netherlands, Belgium) intend to freeze financial assistance to Uganda if the Anti-Homosexuality Bill is signed. Will the VP/HR enter into discussions with the Member States with a view to instituting common measures against Uganda if the Anti-Homosexuality Bill is signed?
5. Is Uganda currently receiving financial assistance from the European Union? If so, how much European funding is Uganda receiving per annum?
6. Will the VP/HR immediately freeze the above-mentioned European financial assistance if President Museveni signs the Anti-Homosexuality Bill?
7. At the end of January, the Belgian media reported that a Belgian man had been arrested in Uganda on suspicion of having homosexual relations. Can the VP/HR indicate whether any other Europeans are in detention in Uganda on suspicion of homosexuality?