

Question for written answer P-001231/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Giulio Regeni

It has now been around a week since the body of Giulio Regeni was found, lying lifeless in a ditch along the Desert Road linking Cairo to Alessandria.

In the context of the bilateral relations between Italy and Egypt, the Italian authorities have asked the Egyptian authorities to shed full light on this dramatic death. An investigation is under way, but there appear to be a few obstacles and a lack of clarity.

Respect for the right to life and the right to not be subjected to torture and/or inhuman and degrading treatment form the basis of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

These rights are now considered mandatory by the international community, as evidenced by the various international conventions. Member States therefore have international obligations to refrain from committing violence and to prevent violence from being committed.

Does the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy not, therefore, deem it necessary, in the context of relations with Egypt, to join Italy in calling for a genuine and independent investigation into this case and the utmost cooperation from the Egyptian authorities so that the truth of what happened can emerge with due diligence and transparency?