Priority question for written answer P-005043/2020
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy
Rule 138
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Subject: 2020 elections in the United Republic of Tanzania

This question is related to question E-003912/2020 concerning the presidential and parliamentary
elections in the United Republic of Tanzania in October 2020. Previous elections have been
considerably tainted by irregularities, both in mainland Tanzania and in Zanzibar, and have been
called into question by observer missions.

As there continue to be concerns about the neutrality and impartiality of the upcoming elections, the
Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has invited international organisations to observe
them.

The Vice-President / High Representative, in his reply to the above question, wrote that ‘in
accordance with the Council recommendation, the Vice-President / High Representative has
proposed that the European Union supports this process with an Electoral Expert Mission that could
be deployed both in the mainland and in Zanzibar. The EU is also keenly following plans for domestic
observation with local non-governmental actors, in cooperation with African interlocutors, through the
Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace.’

I would therefore like to ask the Vice-President / High Representative the following questions:

1. What is the planned make-up of the EU Electoral Mission to Tanzania, and which EU institutions
will take part in it?

2. When will the EU Electoral Expert Mission go to Tanzania, and what is the planned length of the
mission?

3. With which African partners and non-governmental actors will the EU cooperate in the area of
domestic election observation?