Priority question for written answer P-006916/2020 to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Ethiopia – Cotonou Agreement consultation procedure

In his speech to the European Parliament on your behalf on 26 November 2020, Commissioner Lenarčič mentioned that serious human rights violations and serious international humanitarian law violations have been increasing during the fighting in Ethiopia's Tigray region. He also expressed worries regarding ethnically targeted violence or measures. This is not only the case in the Tigray region, but also in Oromia and South Ethiopia.

I would like to know from the VP/HR whether the EU will request the opening of consultations under Article 96 of the Cotonou Agreement in order to find an acceptable solution for all parties involved in the different conflicts in Ethiopia through identification and implementation of the measures to be taken in order to remedy the non-respect of the Agreement?