

**Priority question for written answer P-001272/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Uganda's anti-homosexuality bill

On 21 March 2023, all but two Members of the Ugandan Parliament voted in favour of an anti-homosexuality bill that, according to news reports, introduces sentences of death or life imprisonment for homosexual sex and criminalises identifying as homosexual. It also states that friends, family and members of the community will have a duty to report individuals in same-sex relationships to the authorities. Understandably, the new bill has been widely condemned by the international community, including the UN.

As things currently stand, Uganda receives substantial EU funding in the form of humanitarian aid and development assistance. In view of this:

1. If President Museveni approves the new bill, will the Commission seek to suspend or reduce EU funding to Uganda?
2. If the Commission does take such action, does it believe that similar sanctions should be applied to all third countries that prohibit homosexuality and receive EU funds?
3. If the Commission does not pursue financial sanctions against Uganda, what action, if any, will it take?

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