

**Priority question for written answer P-000353/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Dangers of EACOP potentially being connected to DRC oil blocks

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Government is currently negotiating with the Ugandan Government to connect its oil blocks, some of which are located in the Virunga National Park, to the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).

The European Parliament expressed its opposition to the EACOP project in an urgent resolution adopted in September 2022. The Commission also said it would not provide any grants for this climate-damaging project, not to mention the fact that it financially supports the Virunga Alliance, which is working to sustainably develop the Virunga National Park.

1. How does the Commission justify its failure to respond to possibility of oil exploitation being launched in the region, despite the fact that the EU financially supports the area's sustainable and stable development through the Virunga Alliance?
2. What is the state of play of the draft proposal for a moratorium on the EACOP project, which Parliament asked the Commission to draw up in its resolution of September 2022?

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