

**Question for written answer E-002627/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** UN's CERD acting beyond its remit on school curricula

The UN's Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) published a report in 2023 on the implementation of and compliance with the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in Germany. In the report, the CERD recommends that Germany's school curricula include human rights education programmes to teach, among other things, anti-racism, diversity and equal treatment. German colonialism and slavery and their lasting consequences should also be added to history curricula<sup>1</sup>.

The European Union as an organisation pays around EUR 3 billion into the United Nations system every year. Together, the Member States already contribute more than EUR 14 billion, including EUR 6.8 billion from Germany, the world's second-largest contributor<sup>2</sup>.

1. In the Commission's view, is the CERD – by setting out instructions and requirements for education, which should actually be a matter for sovereign nation states – acting beyond its remit?
2. Does the Commission consider it advisable to continue financing an organisation that increasingly acts beyond its remit, at the expense of EU Member States?
3. Does the Commission intend to put pressure on the United Nations and reject the CERD report? If so, how?

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<sup>1</sup> CERD, paragraph 50.

<sup>2</sup> European External Action Service, 'EU funding to the UN system', 15 September 2023