

**Question for written answer E-002221/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ugandan anti-homosexuality bill

On Monday 24 February 2014 the Ugandan President signed a new anti-homosexuality bill. This law has been assessed by many as draconian, proposing harsh punishments such as life imprisonment for individuals accused of acts of 'aggravated homosexuality'.

Given that Article 10 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union commits the EU to combatting discrimination based on sex and sexual orientation, and given the concerns and regret expressed by High Representative Ashton on 10 December 2013 regarding this bill, can the Commission outline what action it intends to take in response?

Will the Commission consider including an explicit mention of non-discrimination with regard to sexual orientation in the next revision of the Cotonou Agreement, as frequently requested by Parliament?