

**Question for written answer E-001079/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Response to Uganda's recently adopted anti-LGBTI+ legislation

The Parliament of Uganda recently adopted new legislation criminalising consensual sexual activity between adults of the same sex and identifying as LGBTI+. The legislation proposes new draconian penalties, including the death penalty for 'aggravated homosexuality' and life imprisonment for same-sex sexual activity. This is a flagrant violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms and endangers LGBTI+ people in Uganda.

Draconian laws limit the rights of LGBTI+ people across much of the African continent, with same-sex relations banned in about 30 countries. This is unacceptable.

While I have taken note of the statement by the European External Action Service spokesperson issued on 22 March 2023, it is not yet clear what concrete actions the EU will take if the law is signed into force.

1. Will the Commission make further development aid conditional upon Uganda upholding fundamental freedoms and human rights, in line with the EU's commitment to promote and protect the rights of LGBTI+ persons, including measures to decriminalise homosexuality?
2. Is it considering any other consequences for Uganda if the anti-LGBTI+ legislation is signed into force?
3. What measures is it taking through its development cooperation to protect LGBTI+ people and enable them to assert their rights around the world?

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