

**Question for written answer E-014572/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Belarus - suspension of sanctions

The EU has suspended the visa ban and assets freeze that it applied to certain key individuals in Belarus in response to crackdowns there during the presidential election in 2010. The current plan is for a suspension of four months.

1. What is the European External Action Service's (EEAS's) current policy regarding previous presidential elections?
2. Are there EEAS plans for a visit by High Representative Mogherini to Belarus in the forthcoming four-month period, or possibly for President Lukashenko to be invited to Brussels?
3. In view of the at least temporary improvement in relations with Belarus, will the EEAS continue to push for full political rehabilitation of the political prisoners released in recent months?