

**Question for written answer E-016033/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Diane Dodds (NI)**

Subject: Tackling persecution of Christians in Ethiopia

In light of speculation that three Christians in an eastern region of Ethiopia face custodial sentences for allegedly opposing the construction of a government building within their church grounds, what steps are being taken at EU level to make clear to the Ethiopian authorities that members of faith communities should be permitted the space to associate and express their religion free of state influence?