

**Question for written answer E-015685/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - EU support for accountability in Central African Republic

As the Foreign Affairs Council recalled in July 2015, 'there can be no reconciliation without justice' in the Central African Republic. A key step in that regard was the creation earlier this year of a Special Criminal Court, with a view to delivering justice to the victims of serious abuses and bringing an end to impunity. The Court, to be composed of national and international staff, will complement the work both of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and of ordinary national courts, and will be tasked with investigating crimes committed since 2003. In creating this Court, the Central African Republic is providing strong leadership in the fight against immunity and joins a wider movement to establish national specialised jurisdictions of this kind.

1. Could the HR/VP specify what political and technical support the EU will provide to the Special Criminal Court in the Central African Republic?
2. Will the EU support a comprehensive justice reform, including the rehabilitation of prisons and the construction of safe and adequate places of detention?
3. In particular, can the HR/VP indicate how the EU will ensure that the Court is granted a realistic budget and allowed to benefit from an efficient and transparent recruitment process?