

**Question for written answer E-015323/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Uranium Mining in Tanzania

A number of uranium deposits have been discovered in Tanzania, and there are concrete plans to mine this radioactive heavy metal. In addition to the hazards generally associated with uranium mining, the uranium plans also threaten important agricultural resources in Tanzania. The Mkuju River Project which is due to be implemented shortly is located in the immediate vicinity of Selous Park, a nature reserve, which UNESCO in 2014 placed on its World Heritage in Danger list. Uranium mining has already had catastrophic consequences in a number of African countries (Niger, Namibia, South Africa, Gabon, etc.), both for the environment and for the health and social situation of miners and residents.

1. How is the Commission involved in (the discussions on) uranium mining in Tanzania? What role is being played in this matter by the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC)?
2. Is the Commission financially involved in projects relating to the preparations under way for uranium mining in Tanzania? If so, please provide a detailed project description and information on partners, project schedules and financing.
3. What were the findings of the 2013 EU Nuclear Safety Mission to Tanzania, also with reference to the content of the Mission's final report, and what does the Commission know about the risks posed by uranium mining in the region of the Selous Game Nature Reserve?