

Question for written answer E-014804/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Readmissions pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 5, of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement of 23 June 2000

In the Cotonou Partnership Agreement of 23 June 2000 between the EU and the ACP States, the ACP States undertook, in Article 13, paragraph 5, to accept the return and readmission of any of their nationals who are illegally present on the territory of a Member State of the European Union.

Has the return and readmission of nationals of an ACP State who are illegally resident in an EU Member State to their country of origin proved unproblematic and systematic since the entry into force of the Cotonou Agreement?

If not, what legal and practical measures should be taken, in the Commission's view, so that readmissions to ACP countries can be carried out consistently?

Can the Commission provide figures on how many readmissions have been carried out hitherto in total, on the basis of Article 13, paragraph 5, and how many readmissions have been prevented despite current legislation?