

**Question for written answer E-002744/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Memoranda of Understanding on raw material value chains – transparency

The Commission has concluded a series of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with non-EU countries creating strategic partnerships on sustainable critical raw material value chains. However, the Commission's policy regarding the publication of these MoUs remains unclear. Some MoUs have not been made public, such as the one between the EU and Rwanda.

1. Can the Commission clarify its general policy on MoUs and the possibility of an open repository for all MoUs?
2. The MoUs stipulate that a roadmap with concrete actions will be developed in the six months following their signature. How will the Commission consult and inform Parliament during the preparation of these roadmaps?
3. Regarding the MoU between the EU and Rwanda, can the Commission guarantee that the roadmap will include specific and robust measures to ensure the traceability of minerals and prevent situations whereby raw materials illicitly extracted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are traded in Rwanda or by Rwandan operatives?

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