

**Question for written answer E-002532/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Benchmarks to measure human rights improvements in Egypt

On 18 June 2025, Parliament adopted a decision on providing macro-financial assistance to the Arab Republic of Egypt, granting it a sum of EUR 4 billion. Article 2(1) of the decision states that ‘a pre-condition for granting the Union’s macro-financial assistance shall be that Egypt continues to make concrete and credible steps towards respecting effective democratic mechanisms, including a multi-party parliamentary system, and the rule of law, and guaranteeing respect for human rights’.

Article 8(1) of the decision requires the Commission to report to Parliament each year on the concrete steps taken by Egypt towards respecting democratic mechanisms and the rule of law and guaranteeing human rights.

The Commission is asked to answer the following questions individually, numbering its answers:

1. What specific measures does the Commission expect Egypt to take to respect the pre-condition of continuing to ‘make concrete and credible steps’ on human rights and democracy?
2. What indicators and benchmarks will the Commission use to measure progress, and will it clearly indicate these in its reports to Parliament?
3. Will the Commission suspend the payments if Egypt does not meet these human rights benchmarks?

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