

**Question for written answer E-002714/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Victoire Ingabire case

A year ago, Rwandan political opposition leader Victoire Ingabire was arrested and detained in conditions that violate international human rights standards.

The UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression described the arrest as being in direct retribution for her political activities. Since then, Ms Ingabire has been denied regular contact with her family, access to proper medical care and basic guarantees of a fair trial. On top of this, the suspicious death of Aimable Karasira, an opponent of the Rwandan regime, which occurred on the very day on which he was released from the prison where Ms Ingabire is being held, illustrates the climate of impunity in Rwanda.

Over a year ago, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, in which it specifically pinpoints Rwanda as being primarily responsible for the destabilisation of the region. To date, however, the Commission has taken nothing but cosmetic and innocuous measures against Kigali.

1. Does it intend to make its cooperation with Rwanda conditional on respect for fundamental rights and the immediate release of Ms Ingabire?
2. What action will it take in response to Parliament's requests concerning Rwanda?

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