

**Question for written answer E-003494/2026/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Lingering effects of historical transgressions in Commission programmes

On 25 August 2026, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) adopted General Recommendation No 40 on reparatory justice for the trafficking in enslaved Africans. Published on 31 August, the document is an authoritative interpretation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. CERD stresses that States parties have an obligation to consider comprehensive reparatory measures for historical slavery where its effects continue to manifest themselves in modern-day discrimination. Reparations may encompass not only compensation, but also restitution, the opening of archives, commemorative initiatives, education, truth commissions and structural reforms.

In light of the above:

1. What criteria, including time and geographical restrictions, determine eligibility for support for measures addressing the lingering effects of historical transgressions under the Commission's programmes aimed at implementing the EU policy framework for transitional justice?
2. What support does the Commission provide or plan to provide, within the scope of its existing competences and programmes – including measures to achieve the objectives of Article 167 TFEU – for provenance research, archival cooperation and remembrance of Nazi persecution, forced labour and the looting of cultural objects during the Second World War?

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