

**Question for written answer E-003796/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: EU involvement in CERD General Recommendation No. 40 on slavery reparations

On 25 August 2026, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) adopted General Recommendation No. 40 on reparatory justice for slavery and colonialism. Its public consultation process included calls for input and a half-day general discussion in Geneva. In footnote 70, the recommendation cites Parliament's resolution of 26 March 2019¹ among examples of regional action on reparatory justice.

1. Did the Commission, the European External Action Service or the EU Delegation in Geneva follow or participate in the drafting process, and did any of them submit or otherwise contribute input?
2. Does the Commission consider that paragraphs 69 to 71 of the recommendation, which envisage legislative, administrative and policy measures concerning non-state actors including banks, insurers and other undertakings, fall wholly or partly within Union competence?
3. Does the Commission intend to propose, support or fund any Union measure giving effect to those recommendations?

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¹ European Parliament resolution of 26 March 2019 on fundamental rights of people of African descent in Europe (OJ C 108, 26.3.2021, p. 2).