

Question for written answer E-003996/2026

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Monitoring of the use of EU funds in Togo in light of ongoing human rights violations

The co-defendants of Abdoul Aziz Goma, subject of European Parliament resolution (2025/2862(RSP)), remain detained despite the Lomé Court of Appeal ordering their release on 18 February 2026.

In late June 2026, the ECOWAS Community Court of Justice published its January 2026 judgment finding that Togo's 2024 constitutional reforms breached provisions of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance. On 18 February 2026, the Investigation Chamber of the Lomé Court of Appeal ordered the provisional release under judicial supervision of thirteen detainees. None have been released yet, and additional charges of terrorism and criminal association have been applied, including to Abdoul Aziz Goma.

The EU has allocated EUR 201 million to its 2021-2027 partnership with Togo under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe. EU cooperation includes governance, decentralisation, citizen participation, public services and support for civil society. Global Gateway identifies democratic values, good governance and transparency among its guiding principles.

1. What benchmarks are being applied to ensure the transparent implementation, credible independent verification and demonstrable public benefit of EU funds in Togo?
2. How is the European External Action Service measuring, tracking and evaluating Togo's compliance with the human rights, democratic and rule of law commitments under Article 9 of the Samoa Agreement?

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