

Council Question Time

Ana Maria Gomes (PSE). - Why is Ethiopia one of the poorest countries in the world, as you said? It is because of the nature of the political regime, which distrusts civil society even to channel food aid, as I witnessed when I was the chief election observer in Ethiopia. It is also because it is a country where 85% of the population are peasants: they do not own land and therefore have no incentive to produce.

Did yesterday's and today's donors meetings take into consideration the conclusions of the European Union election observation mission, that the elections failed to respect the principles for genuine democratic elections, and which highlighted the reasons for such failure? Why has the Council ignored this Parliament's calls in three resolutions to enter into dialogue ...

(The President cut off the speaker)