

**Follow-up to the European Parliament non-legislative resolution
on the draft Commission implementing decision on the financing
of the annual action plan in favour of the United Republic of
Tanzania for 2025**

- 1. Resolution tabled pursuant to Rule 115 (2) and (3) of the European Parliament's Rules of procedure**
- 2. References:** 2025/2979(RSP) / B10-0505/2025 / P10_TA(2025)0314
- 3. Date of adoption of the resolution:** 27 November 2025
- 4. Competent Parliamentary Committee:** Committee on Development (DEVE)
- 5. Brief analysis/ assessment of the resolution and requests made in it:**

The European Parliament resolution of 27 November 2025 addresses the draft Commission implementing decision on the financing of the Annual Action Plan in favour of Tanzania for 2025. The resolution primarily reflects concerns regarding Tanzania's democratic and human rights shortcomings, which have been notably pronounced following the elections of 29 October 2025. Reports of post-electoral violence, a lack of fair electoral processes, and repression of opposition figures, such as the arrest in June 2025 of Tundu Lissu, Chair of the main opposition party (Chadema) in Tanzania, underscore the Parliament's concerns.

The resolution criticises the actions of the Tanzanian government and highlights the incongruence of such actions with EU principles under the Neighbourhood, Development, and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe Regulation. The European Parliament asserts that these violations undermine the goals of promoting human rights, democracy, and open civic spaces in Tanzania. Furthermore, the arbitrary arrests and harassment faced by opposition members, activists, and journalists pose a direct threat to these values.

The European Parliament requests that the draft Commission implementing decision be withdrawn and reformulated to address these concerns without adversely affecting funding for NGOs and civil society. The resolution also advocates for suspending direct governmental support and prompts the Commission to align its actions with its declared principles. It acknowledges the fact that the adoption process of the draft implementing act was put on hold by the Commission and urges a more fitting response that reflects the serious situation in Tanzania.

- 6. Response to requests and overview of actions taken, or intended to be taken, by the Commission:**

The Commission firmly believes that it has not exceeded its competences in the matter. The draft annual action plan for Tanzania was fully compliant with EU law, and in line with the objectives and principles set

out under NDICI-Global Europe.

The European External Action Service (EEAS) and the Commission Services will continue to pay great attention to the issues of concern and monitor developments closely. They will press for accountability in their engagements with the Tanzanian authorities. The EEAS and the Commission Services will continue to emphasise the implications of the deterioration of fundamental rights on the country's partnership with the EU, whilst warning that these developments threaten Tanzania's democratic values as well as the country's stability and developmental progress.

The EU Member States, the EEAS and the Commission Services have followed closely the events in the run-up to and on the Election Day (29 October 2025) and thereafter in Tanzania. The elections did not provide for a credible and transparent choice of the Tanzanian people and the witnessed post-electoral violence is highly regrettable.

The EU27 statement formulated a public reaction to the events, noting that the elections were not credible, pointing to the exclusion and detention of key opposition figures, a climate of intimidation, and severe restrictions on civic space. Through this statement the EU expressed deep concern over killings, disappearances, injuries and other serious human rights violations during and after the polls. The statement called for the immediate release of detained politicians and political prisoners, independent investigations into alleged abuses, and full respect for fundamental freedoms.

The Commission Services and the EEAS have both called in the Tanzanian Ambassador to amplify messages from the EU27 statement, calling for credible accountability and highlighting the implications of the Government actions on the EU partnership with Tanzania.

On 4 December 2025 the EU Head of Delegation accompanied by 5 EU ambassadors (BE, DE, ES, FI, IT) met the new speaker of the Tanzanian Parliament to express EU concerns on recent developments and asked about his views on reconciliation, how Parliament would support it and which legislative or constitutional reforms would be a priority for the Parliament.

On 5 December 2025, the Delegation of the European Union in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Tanzania, the High Commission of Canada, the Embassy of Norway, the Embassy of Switzerland and the British High Commission issued a joint statement expressing concern about the recent reports of acts of violence, disappearances and deaths of political and human rights activists and called for a thorough inquiry into these events.

In light of the above, and ahead of the European Parliament resolution, Commission Services had put on hold the adoption of the Annual Action

Plan 2025 for Tanzania, with the intention to review the proposed actions, notably those involving direct support channelled through Government entities.

The Tanzanian Government has set up an Inquiry Commission to investigate the events on and after Election Day. The report of the Inquiry Commission is planned to be published in April 2026. This report will be one of the elements on which assessment can be made on the accountability for the events on and after the Election Day.

Tanzanian Foreign Minister Kombo visited Brussels but also Geneva at the end of January 2026 with meetings with HRVP Kallas on 28 January 2026 and Commissioner Síkela on 29 January 2026. Meetings also took place with the Vice-President of the European Parliament and the PSC Ambassadors.

Tanzania will be subject to the Universal Periodic Review in November 2026.