

**Question for written answer E-015634/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Funding of terrorism and sale of oil in ISIS-controlled areas

According to numerous press sources, one of the main sources of funding for ISIS is the sale of oil extracted from oil wells in ISIS-controlled areas. The amount of profit made ranges – depending on the source – from USD one million to three million per day, with an estimated production of between 30 000 and 40 000 barrels.

While some of this production is apparently being sold on the domestic market, another part is allegedly being illegally exported, via three routes between Syria and Iraq, to strategic hubs, refineries and ports.

One of these connecting routes departs from the oil wells near Raqqa and arrives at the village of Azaz, near the Turkish border. To give credit to the press reconstruction, a satellite photo of 15 November 2015, widely distributed by the media, shows 240 clearly distinguishable oil tankers already inside Turkey, just across the border, with another 46 in Syria waiting to cross the border.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. whether it has verified the accuracy of the information set out above;
2. what measures it intends to take and what impact there might be on relations between the EU and Turkey, if this information were to be confirmed?