

**Question for written answer E-015740/2015**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Internet connectivity and internet surveillance in Syria

Amid the armed conflict in Syria, use of and reliance on internet connectivity using two-way satellite services is increasing. Journalists have presented evidence that such services, provided by companies like Eutelsat, Avanti Communications and SES, are also being used in areas controlled by the Da'esh group.

1. Are there any planned or existing restrictive measures applying to the import, sale and use of devices and services for internet connectivity, especially in areas controlled by the Da'esh group? Does this include Council Regulation 36/2012?
2. What information does the Council have regarding the surveillance and analysis capabilities of the EU and its Member States and their law enforcement and intelligence agencies in the case of internet connections in Syria and uplink stations for two-way satellite communications to that area?
3. Can the Council state how far it believes that the recommendations in Document 14734/15 relating to internet service providers also apply to European companies providing internet connectivity to Syria?