

Question for written answer E-015225/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - measures against Boko Haram

Media reports (www.opendoors.ch) indicate that more than 2.5 million people are fleeing Boko Haram. According to the Global Terrorism Index this north-Nigerian terrorist militia is even more dangerous than IS. A report from the Institute of Economics & Peace stated that Boko Haram was the deadliest terrorist group in the world in 2014 and was responsible for more than 6 664 deaths in that year. Over the same period more than 6 073 people were killed by IS. At the time when 132 people died in Paris, a further 48 people died in two separate Boko Haram attacks. In recent months, attacks by suicide bombers have risen not only in Nigeria and its neighbouring countries, such as Chad, Cameroon, and Niger, but also in the surrounding area and Europe.

1. Is the Vice-President/High Representative aware of these facts?
2. If so, what measures have been taken by the Union to protect Christians and other groups from Boko Haram and IS?
3. A great number of refugees are fleeing to Europe. What measures are being taken to ensure that these people are able to stay in their home countries and are not forced to flee?