

**Question for written answer E-013680/2015/rev.1
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: UK targeted killings

The attack that killed UK citizens Reyaad Khan and Ruhul Amin in a vehicle near Raqqa, Syria, on 21 August 2015, which was carried out by a Reaper drone controlled by a British crew and ordered by the UK Government, as acknowledged by the UK Prime Minister, raises major political concerns.

Targeted killing, even on the pretext of fighting terrorism, is contrary to both international law and international human rights law, as well as to the European Convention on Human Rights and Articles 6 and 7 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU), and opens the door to a dangerous escalation of the use of drones for illegitimate purposes.

In light of the above, what is the Council's position on the actions of the UK Government?