

**Question for written answer E-015024/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Statements by the former ambassador on Islamists in Albania

The former ambassador of Albania to France, Luan Rama, has made a number of statements in newspaper 'Gazeta Tema' on the presence of jihadis in Albania.

He states in particular states that the seed of jihad was sown during the term of office of Sali Berisha. Albania's accession to the Organization of the Islamic Conference paved the way for the establishment of extremist religious and 'charitable' foundations that gave asylum to jihadis persecuted by the West.

The former ambassador also said that it was very likely that Albania would be ruled by an Islamic party hostile to any other political expression. At the same time, he noted that Albanian Islamic preachers of Islam preached jihad even in the media.

In view of the above can the Commission say:

Is it aware of the particular political and religious situation described by the diplomat according to whom there is a risk that a candidate country for accession to the EU may be governed by an Islamic party?

It will ask the Albanian government for clarifications so that the beginning of accession negotiations can be set accordingly?