

**Question for written answer E-015014/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Control of the acquisition and possession of weapons

The recent devastating attacks in Paris show the urgent need to swiftly address the problem of illegal weapons used in terrorism and organised crime. In its recent proposal on Directive 91/477/EEC the Commission announced a series of changes that would have a direct impact on legal gun ownership by citizens such as hunters. There is widespread concern that the problem of illegal weapons will not be tackled by restricting legal gun ownership. I would therefore like the Commission to provide the following clarifications:

1. How will added restrictions on legal gun ownership help to tackle terrorism?
2. Who would determine if a weapon 'resembles' a fully automatic rifle, and on what grounds?
3. Will the proposal to restrict gun licences to five years apply only to licences for semi-automatic weapons or to all kinds of weapon licences?