

Question for written answer E-015275/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Daesh oil

In September 2014, the European Union's Ambassador to Iraq Jana Hybášková appeared before the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs. On that occasion, she spoke about oil smuggling operations carried out by the terrorist organisation Daesh and claimed that 'unfortunately, we have European Member States buying this oil', although she said that she was unable to provide more details.

We have held debates on terrorism in Parliament following the recent attacks in Paris, and have reached a unanimous cross-party consensus on the need to give priority to tackling this terrorist group's financing, which is largely derived from smuggling crude oil stolen from the territories the group has occupied in Iraq and Syria.

With reference to the Ambassador's statements, does the High Representative know which countries are involved? Has the Commission investigated these serious allegations? What steps will it take or has it already taken to demand that the countries concerned put an end to this activity, which is ultimately helping to finance terrorism?