

**Question for written answer E-015776/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: EU strategy to combat terrorism and the resulting climate of fear

In her recent statements, EU High Representative Federica Mogherini has outlined the challenge ahead for Europe, urging it not to be guided by fear in formulating an EU strategy for countering terrorism.

'There is one error that we cannot allow ourselves to commit: we cannot allow ourselves to act on impulse, guided by fear,' she observed in her keynote address delivered during the first week of December at The Hague.

She has also made it clear that 'the interests of society can be safeguarded more effectively through common policies'.

In view of this and on the basis of decisions made at the latest Summit:

1. Does the Commission endorse the views of those who associate terrorism with the influx of refugees? If not, what measures will it take to protect the European Union from actions and statements that fuel the rhetoric of racial hatred and fear?
2. In addition to the EUR 350 million aid package for Syrian refugees, what other measures are being envisaged by the Commission with a view to ensuring that the EU Member States present a united front?