

**Question for written answer E-015261/2015/rev.1
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Destruction of a Russian plane by the Turkish air force

The Turkish air force shot down a Russian plane on Tuesday morning. The exact circumstances have yet to be established. Nevertheless, Turkey is clearly more inclined to take action against Russian or Kurdish forces than against Islamic State.

While a grand coalition is currently being formed to combat Islamic State, Turkey's role in the region is murkier than ever. This confirms that Turkey is not a reliable interlocutor, contrary to what Angela Merkel and François Hollande would have us believe.

In the face of this reprehensible act of war, the Council should take up a clear position vis-à-vis the Erdoğan government.

Taking the current situation into account, does the Council intend to reconsider the policy on Turkey that it has pursued up to now?