

Question for written answer E-015161/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Irish neutrality

France has taken the European Union into uncharted territory by invoking Article 42.7 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU) which obliges the other 27 Member States to come to its defence following the recent attacks in Paris.

As Ireland is a neutral state, can the Commission confirm the implications of invoking Article 42.7 TEU for its neutral status?

Can the Commission confirm that no Irish defence forces will be involved in any military action taken to defend France, either directly by employment of Ireland's defence forces or indirectly by deployment of Ireland's defence forces to replace and release other EU Member State forces for military action?