

Question for written answer E-015567/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Proposal for a revision of the Firearms Directive

In its proposal for a revision of the Firearms Directive, the Commission proposes to amend Article 5 in a way that will prevent young hunters and target shooters from acquiring firearms. The explanatory memorandum does not explain the rationale for this proposal.

1. In view of the already stringent conditions for firearms ownership and use in the EU, particularly in the case of young hunters and sport shooters, can the Commission explain the rationale for this measure?
2. On what grounds does the Commission expect that prohibiting firearms ownership among young hunters and target shooters will help to prevent illicit firearms trafficking and terrorist attacks in the EU?
3. Is the Commission aware of the effect of this measure on the education of a future generation of hunters and nature conservationists at institutions in the Nordic countries, for example, as well as on sport shooters?