

**Question for written answer E-015002/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Clarification of the EU's position with regard to the shooting down of the Russian jet

On 24 November 2015, the Turkish air force shot down a Russian military jet on the Turkish-Syrian border. The army of the Russian Federation is carrying out targeted action against Islamic State terrorists and against the terrorist group's means of revenue, first and foremost illegal oil trading.

Russia is coordinating its military operations with France and has entered into an agreement with the United States, the country that is leading an international coalition with the aim of defeating IS, while Turkey has always had an ambiguous attitude when it comes to actually condemning the Islamic State.

Can the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy clarify the EU's position in relation to this unfortunate event?