

**Question for written answer E-014929/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Jihadist children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Over 1 500 children aged between 9 and 15 have been prepared for jihad in camps in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The news was reported in a document sent to the foundation 'Aiuto alla Chiesa che Soffre'.

Sources close to the Vatican state that in the DRC, many young boys and girls are enticed to enter training camps where they are prepared and induced to become Islamic fundamentalists.

In Eastern Congo, there are reported to be at least 3 jihadist camps, which are officially conventional military camps. Young girls are also being detained to be given as wives to the extremists and are in serious danger of sex slavery.

Also taking into consideration the recent discovery of four mass graves in Beni territory in Eastern Congo and the abduction of some 1 000 people by the Ugandan ADF rebels, the massive retaliation launched by the Beni governmental forces and the fact that the ADF leader is reported to have been trained in Afghanistan, will the Commission answer the following question:

How does the Commission intend to react to the increasing violence and the deteriorating situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo?