

**Question for written answer E-002982/2014**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: VP/HR - Non-state armed groups' compliance with international humanitarian law (IHL)

In its 2012 Strategic Framework on Human Rights and Democracy, the EU stated that it would 'continue to support IHL dissemination to all warring parties, including armed non State actors'<sup>1</sup>.

In addition, the EU Guidelines on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law highlight the EU's objective 'to influence third countries and non state actors to implement international and regional human rights norms, standards and instruments, as well as international humanitarian law'<sup>2</sup>.

How is the EU working to engage and monitor non-state armed groups on their compliance with international humanitarian law, in line with its Strategic Framework?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/131181.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/131181.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/librairie/PDF/QC8308123ENC.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/librairie/PDF/QC8308123ENC.pdf)