

**Question for written answer E-005769/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Abductions in Ukraine

Amnesty International claims to have gathered evidence that activists, protesters and journalists have been beaten and subjected to other forms of torture in eastern Ukraine over the last three months.

Abductions have also been carried out by pro-Russian activists in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. The Ukrainian Ministry of the Interior recorded almost 500 cases between April and June 2014. The United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine recorded 222 such cases of abduction in the last three months.

This situation is contrary to fundamental rights and, in particular, to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

1. What is the Commission's position on this situation?
2. Does the Commission intend to take action on this matter? If so, what exactly does it plan to do, when, and by what means? If not, why not?