

**Question for written answer E-006210/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU action on child soldiers

The EU plays a key role in the international efforts to address the problem of the use of children in armed conflicts; the number of children involved is put at 300 000.

1. Following the UN Secretary-General's 2013 report on children and armed conflict and Security Council Resolution 2143 of 7 March 2014 on the same subject, does the EU intend to revise its guidelines on children and armed conflict, its strategy for implementing those guidelines and its list of priority countries?
2. Can the Commission give an overview of the local projects financed by the EU delegations under the 'Children and young people, peace and security' priority in the Annual Action Programmes for 2012 and 2013 and under the crisis-preparedness component of the Instrument for Stability?
3. What measures designed to address the problem of child soldiers will the Commission finance as part of the Annual Action Programmes for 2014 and 2015 under the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (Article 3(g)) and under the regulation establishing a financing instrument for the promotion of democracy and human rights worldwide (Article 2(x))?