

**Question for written answer E-006216/2014  
to the Council  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Banning of the Communist Party of Ukraine

The Ukrainian authorities are waging a repressive campaign of persecution against the Communist Party of Ukraine (PCU). Ukraine's Minister of Justice recently filed legal proceedings seeking to ban the Communist Party.

On 22 July 2014, a change in the Ukrainian Parliament's rules of procedure was approved, with the aim of dissolving the PCU's parliamentary group. These decisions by the Ukrainian authorities clearly demonstrate the deeply anti-democratic nature of the country's ruling power. These events follow on the heels of numerous and varied attacks on the PCU's activities and offensive public calls by the Ukrainian authorities for it to be banned.

I therefore ask the Council:

- What information does it have on this matter and how does it view this attack by the Kiev authorities on the Ukrainian people's fundamental rights and freedoms?
- What impact will the Kiev authorities' actions have on EU-Ukraine relations, particularly in terms of the recently signed Association Agreement?