

**Question for written answer E-006442/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Matteo Salvini (NI)**

Subject: Measures to counter the escalation of violence in Syria and Iraq

Iraq and Syria have been seriously destabilised by the escalation of violence related to the activities of the terrorist group IS which claims to have killed, often in a particularly brutal manner, many members of the Christian minority that has been present in the area since time immemorial, as well as many foreign nationals.

Can the Commission state whether there are any EU officials engaged in development and cooperation projects in these areas? If so, what measures have been taken to ensure their safety? Furthermore, what strategies does it intend to pursue to ensure that EU aid and funding intended for the population of these areas do not fall into the hands of the IS militia?