

**Question for written answer E-006514/2014  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Crisis in Ukraine

The conflict between Ukraine and Russia has grown worse in recent weeks and is threatening stability and security in both Europe and the world. Should Russian troops enter Ukrainian territory this could result in an escalation in hostilities and trigger open war if diplomatic measures are not taken urgently.

Interpreting the role played by the EU and its Member States in recent years is essential to understanding the causes and origin of the conflict. The direction the EU's external policy takes in the future may be decisive to ensuring stability in the region.

What strategy is the High Representative considering following to find a diplomatic solution that would guarantee peace and stability in the region?

Does she believe that economic sanctions against Russia will have a positive effect in resolving the conflict?

Will she propose holding an international conference to find a solution to the crisis?