

**Question for written answer E-006582/2014**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - EU action against the recruitment of young Europeans by extremist groups

The horrific execution of American journalist James Foley served as a brutal reminder that many young Europeans have joined the ranks of extremist movements.

In the Middle East and Africa there are worrying developments everywhere we look.

Islamic State's expansionist ambitions are threatening Iraq's fragile new political order and exacerbating religious tensions. In Libya chaos and conflict are jeopardising efforts to bring about political change and are attracting extremists of all kinds. In Syria the situation remains deadlocked, and in Africa terrorism is spreading from Mali to Nigeria.

Many Member States must now face up to the fact that some of their young citizens have left to join the conflicts. Given this alarming state of affairs, the EU must respond quickly whilst looking for longer-term solutions.

Could the High Representative say what urgent measures will be taken to tackle this problem?