Question for written answer E-006888/2014 to the Council Rule 130 Beatriz Becerra Basterrechea (ALDE)

Subject: Suicide prevention policies

On 10 September World Suicide Prevention Day was held. The World Health Organisation report on suicide has produced some unacceptable statistics. Every 40 seconds, a person commits suicide somewhere in the world. Experiences such as those of Finland have shown that suicide can be prevented by focusing efforts on the highest risk factors.

- 1. Can the Council therefore say what policies are being implemented to address the key suicide risk factors?
- 2. Will it urge the Member States to develop national suicide prevention plans in compliance with the WHO recommendations?

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