

Question for written answer E-007363/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Ukrainian Communist Party

On 29 March 2014, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy unreservedly condemned the activities of Right Sector, especially its efforts to pressurise the Verkhovna Rada (Ukrainian Parliament). At the same time, she welcomed the setting up by the Verkhovna Rada of an ad hoc investigation committee.

On 17 September 2014, the European Parliament ratified the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. That sitting of Parliament was attended by all the Members who chose to be there and the vote was a free one, with no coercion being brought to bear. A few minutes earlier, the Verkhovna Rada had ratified the agreement in Kiev. However, according to information from several sources, a group of MPs belonging to the Communist Party of Ukraine had been unable to attend for the vote in Kiev for fear of physical aggression and because they had received threats.

1. Does the High Representative currently have any information about this?
2. Is the High Representative aware of the situation in which Ukrainian Communist Party MPs and activists find themselves today?
3. Does she see the process of outlawing the Ukrainian Communist Party as positive in terms of the consolidation of democracy in Ukraine?