

**Question for written answer E-008412/2014  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Mass graves in Donetsk

As you are undoubtedly aware, in September 2014 Ukrainian militias discovered a series of clandestine mass graves on the outskirts of Donetsk, containing the bodies of dozens of people who had been tortured and executed, including women, militia members and even Ukrainian soldiers. Forensic authorities responsible for carrying out the autopsies found that the victims had been executed by shots fired at point-blank range. It is suspected that the perpetrators belong to the Aidar Battalion – which is funded by the oligarch Igor Kolomoisky – and the regular forces which occupying the Donetsk region. This macabre discovery is one more element in the wave of violence against Ukrainians who refuse to recognise the government which was installed as a result of a coup. Another example is the tragedy at the Trades Union House in Odessa on 2 May 2014, in which over 50 people were burned alive and over 200 wounded, all of them resistance activists from the city.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. What information does it have about these serious attacks on human rights?
2. Will this news have an impact on relations between the EU and the Ukrainian Government, particularly with regard to the recently-signed agreements?