

**Question for written answer E-008676/2014**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - EU position on the peace process in Colombia

Since November 2012 talks have been taking place in Havana (Cuba) between the Colombian Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People's Army (FARC-EP). To date, agreement has been reached on three of the six points under discussion, and on 10 June 2014, the Colombian Government and the National Liberation Army (ELN) announced that peace talks were imminent.

Since June 2002, FARC-ELP and the ELN have been included in the list of terrorist groups drawn up by the Council on 17 June 2002. This means that the EU and its Member States cannot act as guarantors for, or facilitate or accompany, the peace talks in which other countries are actively involved.

The European External Action Service has shown its support for the peace talks on a number of occasions (e.g. in its statement 140926/02 of 26 September 2014) and has encouraged the parties to press ahead with the negotiations.

Can the EU play a relevant role in the peace process in Colombia if it considers one of the parties to the negotiations to be a terrorist group?

Does the High Representative think that the EU should help ensure the talks are successful?