

**Question for written answer E-008716/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Extradition of Kazakh opposition figures

The recent decision by the Court of Appeal of Lyon (France) to authorise the extradition to Russia of Mukhtar Ablyazov, a Kazakh banker and prominent opposition figure—whose final destination will almost certainly be Kazakhstan— together with the possible extradition of the Kazakh dissident Alexander Pavlov, who is in Spain awaiting a decision to grant him asylum, is a breach of European governments' obligation to defend the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

If they fell into the hands of the Kazakh authorities, both Ablyazov and Pavlov would be in danger of torture and ill-treatment, apart from being tried in circumstances with no legal safeguards.

In view of the foregoing, the following questions need to be asked:

1. What is the Commission's position in relation to European States which decide, based on information received from autocratic states and/or dictatorships, to proceed with extraditions of dissidents and political opponents?
2. Has the High Representative interceded or is she intending to intercede in these extradition cases which, if they go through and both individuals end up in Kazakh hands, would mean EU involvement in human rights violations?