Question for written answer E-010592/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Takis Hadjigeorgiou (GUE/NGL)

Subject: CIA Detention and Interrogation Programme

On 9 December 2014 the executive summary of the CIA detention and interrogation programme was published by the US Senate Intelligence Committee¹. The summary is only a small part of the 6 700-page confidential report.

It contains 20 findings criticising the techniques used by the CIA, in particular the fact that interrogations of detainees were brutal and far worse than presented by the CIA. It also reports that millions of dollars were spent on convincing governments to accommodate the CIA detention centres.

An earlier report by the Open Society Justice Initiative² had named at least 54 countries which had cooperated with the CIA in the abduction, detention and torture of detainees. They include a number of EU Member States.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- What is its position regarding the techniques used by the US intelligence services?

- Is it aware which EU Member States were involved in these activities?

- What steps will it take to ensure that such practices do not recur in future either on European territory or elsewhere in the world?

¹ http://www.intelligence.senate.gov/study2014/sscistudy1.pdf

² http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/sites/default/files/globalizing-torture-20120205.pdf