

**Question for written answer E-010705/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Use of torture in interrogations

A report by the US Senate has been published recently on the CIA's detention and interrogation programme.

The report states that 'CIA personnel, aided by two outside contractors, decided to initiate a program of indefinite secret detention and the use of brutal interrogation techniques in violation of US law, treaty obligations' and the values of that country.

These techniques, called 'enhanced interrogation techniques', entailed the systematic use of waterboarding, sleep deprivation, isolation, exposure to extreme temperatures or very loud noise, detention in very small cells, and sexual humiliation.

These techniques aimed at obtaining information and were developed with the professional aid of psychologists.

According to the information from the US Senate, torture was resorted to repeatedly in the context of the global war on terrorism.

Is the EU informed about these facts?

Does the High Representative consider the use of torture as a way of obtaining information to be acceptable?

Will the High Representative consider proposing that the EU sanction the United States for crimes against humanity?