

**Question for written answer E-010831/2014
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: US report on torture carried out by the CIA

The US Senate has released a damning report on the torture methods used by the CIA. These criminal actions have caused a wave of condemnations from across the world. The report detailed the torture inflicted on prisoners suspected of having ties to Al-Qaida by the CIA in secret locations in several countries, including within the territory of the European Union.

Due to the fact that certain European countries have supported the United States or have covered up their practices, our institutions are concerned. For their part, the European Commission and the majority of the countries of the Union have minimised the involvement of certain Member States in the torture perpetrated by the CIA. The Commission is thought to have even refused to comment on the involvement of Member States in these practices, under the belief that the report did not provide sufficient detail. This attitude could be the result of a desire to avoid jeopardising negotiations relating to the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, transatlantic relations and the war on terror.

1. Will the Council condemn these acts of torture and seek an investigation to determine the responsibility of certain Member States?
2. Is the Council able to provide a list of the countries involved in the CIA's practices?