

**Question for written answer E-010841/2014
to the Council**

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Subject: UN resolution on 'Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance'

The UN General Assembly approved the resolution concerning the 'Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance'.

115 countries voted in favour of condemning any attempt to deny the Holocaust and glorify Nazi organisations and their collaborators. Apart from this, they urged all countries to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination and xenophobia.

At a time when, almost everywhere in the world and especially in the EU, there is a worrying growth in parties, groups and movements inspired by neo-Nazi and neo-fascist ideologies, the overwhelming majority of EU Member States abstained on this resolution, with the United States, Canada and Ukraine voting against.

The text pertinently recalled that 2015 will see the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the victory over Nazism and fascism in the Second World War, to which, we may add, the Red Army and the Soviet Union made a decisive contribution. Millions of people sacrificed their lives to liberate humanity from Nazi barbarism and the capitalist system in crisis which generated and stoked that barbarism.

We ask the Council:

1. Has any discussion been held at Council level between the Member States concerning the adoption of a common position at the UN?
2. Has it looked carefully at this position adopted by the Member States?