

**Question for written answer E-011045/2014  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Ukraine aid policy

On 12 December 2014 the Ukraine Freedom Support Act was passed by both the US House of Representatives and the Senate. The act authorises Washington D.C. to provide lethal military aid to the Ukraine military and to impose harsher sanctions on Russian companies.

Ukraine Defence Minister Stepan Poltorak said on 12 December 2014 that the defence budget must be doubled and more soldiers must be recruited.

Russian response would be significant if these actions were to be implemented.

Last week, President Obama said that it was important that the USA stayed in step with its European allies with regard to the Ukraine crisis.

What action is the Vice-President / High Representative intending to take to de-escalate the Ukraine crisis?