

**Question for written answer E-011277/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Is torture allowed in Europe?

It appears that Romania, Lithuania and Poland have harboured 'secret' CIA prisons in which torture is regularly practised. Poland was even convicted last year by the European Court of Human Rights for having 'created the conditions' for the process of torture by North American agents to happen on its territory.

Other States are currently being called to account: Germany, Cyprus, Denmark, Spain, Greece, Ireland, Sweden, Austria, Italy, the United Kingdom and Portugal.

Does the Commission intend to investigate this issue?

Is the Commission aware that this action puts these States in breach of the Copenhagen criteria, which stipulate that, in order to be a Member State of the European Union, a country must guarantee respect for human rights?

What, therefore, does the Commission plan to do: approve torture out of friendship for the United States, condemn such practices, refer the matter to the Council or do nothing at all and continue with its human rights bombast?