

**Question for written answer E-000346/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Relations between North Korea and China

No Chinese delegation was invited to the ceremony marking the third anniversary of the death of Kim Jong-il in Pyongyang on 17 December 2014, unlike previous occasions.

Official exchanges between North Korea and its sole ally have slowed.

Beijing has frozen its investment in North Korean infrastructure. Chinese and North Korean state media are exchanging critical remarks.

The withdrawal of Chinese aid and state-subsidised investment will deprive North Korea of investment capital and significant infrastructure.

What is the VP/HR's position regarding the new situation in the relations between North Korea and China?

What actions could the EU take to force North Korea to denuclearise and launch economic reforms in the region?