Question for written answer E-000348/2015 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Marie-Christine Arnautu (NI) and Jean-Marie Le Pen (NI)

Subject: VP/HR - Oil and financing Islamic State

Last October an article in the French edition of the Huffington Post discussed the issue of imports of Islamic State oil to Turkey and Europe. It reads: 'In Turkey, the price of oil is high, says Pierre Terzian of *Pétrostratégies*. According to him, Turkey is the main recipient country of oil from the jihadist group.' This is borne out by the significant increase in the amount of fuel seized at the Turkish border.

The terrorist group Islamic State, which operates oil fields in Iraq and Syria, is thus apparently able to sell its oil in Turkey, from where it can be shipped to Europe via the port of Ceyhan.

Given the heinous crimes and persecution for which this terrorist group is responsible, it must be deprived of all possible sources of funding for its terrorist activities.

What measures and sanctions can the EU take to stop this trafficking and thus cut funding for Islamic State?

Does the Vice-President/High Representative intend to tighten controls in Europe on trafficking activities which generate funds for Islamic State?

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