

**Question for written answer E-000469/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
Jørn Dohrmann (ECR)

Subject: VP/HR - departure for the Gulf of the French Navy's 'Charles de Gaulle' aircraft carrier and its battlegroup

The French Navy's nuclear-powered aircraft carrier 'Charles de Gaulle' is being deployed, together with its battlegroup, to the Gulf, and is understood to be preparing to contribute to coalition airstrikes against Islamic State.

1. Is the VP/HR aware of this?
2. What actions is the VP/HR ready to take in order to secure stability and security in the Middle East and in the wider Indian Ocean region?