

Question for written answer E-001115/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Aymeric Chauprade (NI)

Subject: VP/HR - EU-Russia dialogue

On Monday, 19 January 2015, the EU foreign ministers decided to maintain their firm stance towards Russia, including on the issue of sanctions.

You yourself, an advocate of a resumption of dialogue between the EU and Moscow, said the following: 'This was a unanimous decision, and those people who expected to see divisions emerging in the EU will be a little disappointed'.

1. Does dialogue not imply a willingness, and not a refusal, to talk?
2. Are your remarks not somewhat at odds with the Union's watchword of 'United in diversity'?
3. Should we not be seeking dialogue with a view to overcoming the artificial obstacles to good relations between Russia and the EU?