

Question for written answer E-001413/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Fight against Islamic State

Kurdish forces, which have been fighting the self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS) in Syria for months, say they have liberated the Syrian town of Kobani. If this is confirmed, this will be the first major defeat suffered by IS, a terrorist and criminal group we must confront with all the means at our disposal. Nonetheless, and despite recent events, we must persevere in the fight against terror in the Middle East, and also be aware of the danger foreign fighters enrolled in IS ranks represent for the EU's security.

1. What strategy, going beyond commitments already in place, is the High Representative planning to implement to help local forces in their fight against IS?
2. Does the Commission intend to propose measures to prevent fighters returning from IS from entering the European Union?