

Question for written answer E-001797/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Situation in Yemen

The resignation of Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, the former President of Yemen, on 22 January of this year has left a power vacuum in a state which is a key battleground in the fight against violent Islamist terrorists, specifically Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). Tribal forces and militias have said they will refuse to take orders from the new Houthi government in Sana'a, while separatists in the south have raised the flag of South Yemen. South Yemen was a sovereign nation until its unification with the north in 1990. There are fears that localised infighting could break out across the country as different groups vie for independence and/or control of Yemen. Does the forced resignation of President Hadi signal that Yemen has become a failed state?

1. How does the Vice-President/High Representative assess the situation in Yemen?
2. Will the VP/HR consider the withdrawal of staff from the EU mission in Yemen in light of the current situation?