

**Question for written answer E-002030/2015
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: Coups leadership offensives in the Donbass region

Coup leadership and fascist forces have renewed their offensive in the Donbass region, once again using heavy weapons, including cluster bombs, multiple rocket launchers and white phosphorus, bombing several cities of the self-styled Lugansk People's Republic, including schools, public buildings, houses, a hospital and buses. Efforts and proposals for the peaceful settlement of the conflict have met with provocations and the determination of the coup leaders to carry on criminal attacks, despite military defeat.

According to the latest report from the observer mission of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, no military movements have been observed at the Gukovo and Lugansk checkpoints from the Russian Federation into Ukraine, contradicting the claims of the coup regime regarding the presence of Russian forces on Ukrainian territory.

I ask the Council:

1. Will it stop supporting the coup regime and back the withdrawal of its forces from Donbass?
2. Will it back the recognition of belligerent force status to the popular resistance, contributing to a process of real and inclusive peace?
3. Will it recognise the fundamental right of resistance in cases such as Ukraine, where the people have been the victim of heavy repression by ultra-nationalist, fascist and neo-Nazi forces?