

**Question for written answer E-002758/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo's imprisonment in China

In an interview in *Figaro* on Wednesday, 18 February, dissident Chinese writer Liao Yiwu, following talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, blames the West for the fate of Chinese Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo, who was sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment in China for expressing his opinions and whose wife is under house arrest.

All European countries do business with China, which is a key trading partner of the EU. Should we refrain from speaking out against abuses of human rights, which are everyday occurrences in China?

Has the High Representative referred to the fate of the Nobel Peace Prize winner in her dealings with the Chinese authorities?

What action will she be taking on this matter?