

**Question for written answer E-002881/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Executions in Iran

The handover of presidential power in Iran from Ahmadinejad to Rouhani has created a false impression of a change for the better. Admittedly, the Iranian regime has agreed to a dialogue on nuclear security matters, but there are no such positive developments with regard to human rights. As well as the cases already reported in written questions E-008668/2014, E-010891/2014 and E-000407/2015, it now appears that up to 60 prisoners were hanged in Iranian prisons between 14 and 17 February 2015. The activist Maryam Rajavi (NCRI) warns that other political prisoners are also facing imminent execution.

1. Using the instruments at its disposal, has the Commission made any attempt to gather up-to-date information on the number of people executed in Iran?
2. Will the Commission take a firm stance vis-à-vis Iran with regard to the *acquis communautaire* in the field of human rights, especially in view of the P5+1 negotiations?