

**Question for written answer E-002994/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Missions in high-risk areas

A horrific attack by suicide bombers on the Corinthia Hotel in Tripoli, Libya, resulted in the deaths of a further 12 people.

This, yet another terrible act of violence, forces us to take a long, hard look at the organisational aspects of the European Union's External Action Policy.

We are facing an unprecedented escalation in violent attacks and given that European staff are working in high-risk areas, of which there are now unfortunately far too many, as part of missions organised by the European Union:

- Can the Commission indicate whether security measures and alert levels have been significantly increased to protect the European staff working in these areas ?
- Does the Commission envisage the withdrawal of missions from the most high-risk countries?