

**Question for written answer E-004940/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - European aid to Kobane

On 27 January 2015 Kobane was saved from Daesh after months of confrontation led by Kurdish forces YPG and YPJ, with the support of aerial strikes by the international coalition. As a result of these clashes, 80 % of the city was destroyed and 200 000 inhabitants of Kobane fled into Turkey, according to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

The Mayor of Kobane recently issued an appeal to the international community for the reconstruction of the city, which is a matter of the utmost urgency for the 25 000 civilians who have returned. Not only is the city cut off from any means of subsistence, but it is also contaminated with mines and explosive materials left deliberately by Daesh. The vast majority of refugees still in Turkey will not consider returning because of these vital issues.

The Joint Communication 'Elements for an EU regional strategy for Syria and Iraq as well as the Da'esh threat' issued by the High Representative on 6 February 2015 made recommendations to help with the process of re-establishing North Syria by providing basic services and help with rebuilding.

Can the VP/HR tell us what concrete actions will be taken in the framework of this strategy in order to intervene urgently in Kobane?