

Question for written answer E-006587/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - European Union relations with Syria

Since the start of the civil war in Syria, the European Union has been progressively distancing itself from the Syrian Government to the point of breaking off relations, as happened in December 2012 with the closure of the Delegation in Damascus.

The situation in Syria has changed significantly since hostilities started in 2011, such that, today, decisions taken two years ago seem out-dated. Accordingly, the rise of the organisation Islamic State needs to be taken into account, as well as the fact, as underlined on various occasions by the United Nations Special Envoy for Syria, that any solution to the conflict must include the Syrian Government.

In view of the EU's express support for the work of the United Nations Special Envoy, Staffan de Mistura, does the High Representative not believe that it would be a positive step to re-establish relations with Syria?