

**Question for written answer E-007653/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Solidarity with EU countries in the event of war

Some countries have neutrality clauses in their national constitutions. Yet the Lisbon Treaty contains clauses which seem to imply that Member States must show 'solidarity' if a Member State is attacked by a third country (see Article 42(7) and Article 222 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU)). Given the unrest at the EU's eastern and southern borders, this risk is high. Therefore, could the Commission explain whether Member States with a neutrality clause in their national constitutions are exempt from this 'solidarity'?