

**Question for written answer E-008056/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
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Subject: VP/HR - War crimes and atrocities in Aleppo

On 3 May 2015 at least ten people were killed in Aleppo, Syria, when a barrel bomb hit a nursery school. Four children and a teacher were among the killed. This area is not new to such atrocities. However, President Bashar al-Assad has denied that his forces used barrel bombs.

Over the course of 2014, at least 3 000 civilians have been killed in similar attacks. Many people described the area as looking like 'true hell', with the dismembered bodies of children lying scattered throughout the city streets. The groups responsible continue to violate the UN resolution calling for a stop to these attacks.

1. What steps can the EU take to help the civilian victims of these atrocious attacks?
2. What can the EU do to put pressure on the UN to take action based on the resolution passed to stop the violence?