

**Question for written answer E-009569/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Russia's blacklist

Russia has just barred 89 European political figures from entering its territory, primarily because of their stance on the Ukrainian crisis.

They include Guy Verhofstadt, President of the ALDE group in the European Parliament, Henri Malosse, President of the European Economic and Social Committee and Jerzy Buzek, former President of the European Parliament, three individuals well known for their commitment to Europe and their defence of democratic values.

How does the Commission plan to react with regard to the Russian authorities in relation to this decision which is clearly linked to the attitude of these individuals to the Ukrainian issue?