

**Question for written answer E-009572/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Fight against Islamic State and national unity in Iraq

In her answer E-006228/2014 of 12 September 2014 to a question concerning the situation of Christians in Iraq, the VP/HR, Ms Ashton, stated that a long-term solution to the situation in Iraq must be based on 'a consensus involving all components of Iraqi society, since extremist groups can be best defeated by solidarity amongst Iraqi citizens'.

1. Does the new VP/HR share this point of view?
2. What actions have been undertaken by the EEAS to promote national unity in Iraq?
3. Numerous experts feel that the creation of a genuine multi-denominational Iraqi national army is one way of creating national unity and defeating Islamic State. Does the EEAS share this opinion and, if so, how is it supporting the creation of this genuine national army, which would include Shi-ites, Sunnis and Kurds?