

Question for written answer E-010061/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - United States deployment in Eastern Europe

According to reports by the New York Times, the United States Department of Defense is preparing a shipment of heavy weapons to military bases in Eastern Europe with the aim, according to Washington, of strengthening the security of the countries bordering Russia and 'preventing the expansionism' of that country.

This initiative, yet to be approved, would be the first time since the end of the Cold War that the United States has stationed heavy weapons in countries of Eastern Europe that are NATO members.

This would be a clear indication that the conflict between the United States and Russia is far from over, which could cause a further entrenchment of the situation.

In view of the above, was the High Representative aware of this deployment of troops on European soil by the United States?

Will the High Representative request explanations from the Government of the United States about this initiative?

Does the High Representative not think that this move by the United States might be against the interests of the European Union vis-à-vis Russia?