

**Question for written answer E-010968/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Improving the functioning of the European External Action Service

The report of the European Court of Auditors on the establishment of the European External Action Service, created in 2011, states that it is necessary to introduce a range of measures to improve its functioning, in addition to clarifying its tasks and objectives, streamlining its organisational design, simplifying its administrative framework, strengthening its strategic role and developing its planning.

Does the Commission agree with the assessments of the European Court of Auditors and does it intend to take appropriate measures to improve the efficiency of its management?

Will measures be introduced, as recommended by the report, to review the appointment process and functioning of EU special representatives and EEAS recruitment procedures?

Will information sharing and co-location with Member States be promoted?