

**Question for written answer E-011255/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Right of asylum for Julian Assange

The French Presidency has just rejected the asylum application made by Julian Assange, the Australian citizen who has sought refuge in the Embassy of Ecuador in London. It will be recalled that, through the famous WikiLeaks files, he drew worldwide attention to certain illegal American espionage practices.

The United States is seeking the extradition of Julian Assange on the grounds of violating the 1917 law on espionage. Sweden also wants to put Assange on trial, for allegedly raping two women during a visit to Sweden in 2010. When you want to kill your dog, you first accuse it of having rabies.

1. Has the case of Julian Assange already been referred to the VP/HR?
2. In the light of the recent revelations concerning the wiretapping by the NSA of three French presidents, does the VP/HR not believe that Julian Assange should be granted asylum in France or in another EU country?