

**Question for written answer E-012384/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Franz Obermayr (ENF)**

Subject: VP/HR - Destabilisation of the Middle East by IS, and attitude of the EU

The ongoing process of disintegration in the countries of the Middle East, caused by Islamic State, is one of the main reasons for the current movement of migrants towards the European Union. At the same time, we are hearing increasing allegations that the USA, while superficially combating this process, secretly has no real desire to oppose the destabilisation of the region.

1. What is the High Representative's view of recent media reports that Russia will be taking an active role in the fight against IS in Syria?
2. Does the High Representative regard concerted military action by the Member States against IS as a possible way of stemming the exodus from this region by addressing its causes?
3. Does the High Representative possess any evidence that the USA is deliberately seeking the fragmentation of the Middle East with a view to creating a plethora of ethnically homogeneous states?