Question for written answer E-013058/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Violation of international law by the Government of Hungary, an EU Member State

Hungary has decided to deploy armed forces up to its border with Serbia, beyond its territorial limits, to stop refugees from gaining entry, breaching the national sovereignty of Serbia and violating international law. Serbia's authorities have also recently condemned Hungary for using a water cannon and tear gas on immigrants and refugees at its border, stating justifiably that Budapest has no 'right' to do so.

NGOs have confirmed that a number of people have been injured on the Serbian side of the border, whilst Hungary has continued to increase its security presence with armed military vehicles.

The Hungarian Government has also announced plans to construct a fence 175 km long and four metres high to prevent immigrants from crossing the Serbian border.

Is the Commission aware of these attacks by Hungarian police on Serbian territory?

As regards the treatment of refugees, will an openly racist attitude such as this be permitted from a Member State of the European Union? How will the Commission be acting on this?

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