

**Question for written answer E-013192/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Russian military hardware in Syria

The United States Institute for the Study of War (ISW) recently published a series of photos showing Russian military hardware, including military transport planes, tanks, combat vehicles and helicopters, which had been spotted in several areas controlled by Bashar al-Assad's regime. Experts at the ISW maintain that the Russian troops and hardware come from a military base in south-west Russia, close to the Ukrainian border. On 15 September, dozens of Russian military vehicles were spotted at Al-Assad Airport.

How does this news affect the Commission's position on the conflict in Syria?