

**Question for written answer E-015023/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Democratic process in Rojava and lifting of the Turkish embargo

Since 2013, Rojava (Syrian Kurdistan) has been undergoing a radical social and democratic transformation characterised by inter-faith tolerance and an unprecedented role for women in public life.

I recently visited the Rojava Parliament and met representatives of the government, various political parties and women's organisations.

I learnt that some 40% of the members of the Rojava Parliament are women and that they have been the driving force behind laws banning polygamy and marriages involving young girls, which are very common in the region.

At the same time I noted support for a federal model for a united Syria, at a time when its armed forces are fighting, and will defeat, the terrorists of 'Islamic State', a misnomer if ever there was one.

Is the VP/HR aware of these developments? Does the EU plan to support this democratic process and to call on Turkey to lift the embargo?