

**Question for written answer E-000028/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Satellites, the internet and Daesh

A few weeks ago, an investigation revealed that Daesh terrorists may have been accessing the internet using satellite-based services provided by Western companies, some of which are European. We should, of course, treat this information with caution. If it were to be confirmed, however, the implications would be extremely serious.

Furthermore, as vice-chair of the 'Sky and Space' intergroup, I am particularly worried that our own satellite systems could be used. The fight against terrorism is not only a military one; it is also, in many respects, a digital one.

1. Are there coordination, detection or warning mechanisms which could be used, at European level (between governments and signal distribution channels), to prevent or block jihadist satellite transmissions and communications?
2. The idea of jamming satellite communications in the area occupied by the terrorists has been raised. Can this actually be done? What other viable solutions are there?