

**Question for written answer E-000463/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Evidence to justify extending the sanctions against Russia

What information from European intelligence agencies and security services about Russian military action in Ukraine was available to justify extending the sanctions against Russia in spite of the ceasefire between the Ukrainian Government and the authorities in eastern Ukraine?

Does the Commission have more information than the OSCE observers on the spot, whose report covering the period from late August 2015 until just before the NATO summit in early September 2015 stated that no movements of soldiers, munitions or weapons across the border between Russia and Ukraine had been detected?

To what extent is Parliament involved in the process of monitoring and accurately evaluating intelligence provided by secret services?