

**Question for written answer E-000696/2016
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Operationality of the new European Counter Terrorism Centre

The new European Counter Terrorism Centre (ECTC), whose responsibilities include coordinating information from national counter terrorism teams and improving information sharing, was inaugurated on 25 January 2016.

At the inauguration, the Director of Europol said that the Islamic State organisation had developed a new combat capability to conduct a campaign of large-scale attacks concentrated in particular on Europe.

This clearly demonstrates the urgency of having the ECTC fully operational as soon as possible, as the exchange of information is vital.

In this regard, the Member States are required to send experts to represent them.

Further to its conclusions from last November, what measures does the Council intend to take to ensure that all Member States fulfil their commitments so as to maximize the effectiveness of the ECTC as soon as possible?