

Question for written answer E-001241/2016
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: Criminal accountability of net giants

My report on preventing the radicalisation and recruitment of European citizens by terrorist organisations was approved by Parliament with a very large majority on 25 November 2015.

Recognising the criminal accountability of companies active on the internet, social networks and internet service providers in view of the large-scale dissemination of illegal on-line content spreading terrorist propaganda is one of the main measures of the report which I authored and put to the vote. This recognition is crucial if the internet is to stop being a virtual training camp and a means for terrorists to garner recruits.

1. Do the Member States intend to adopt binding legislation enabling them to pursue companies active on the internet which do not cooperate adequately with national authorities to eliminate illegal on-line content?
2. Will there be EU-level harmonisation of this legislation to ensure that effective measures are implemented throughout the EU?