Question for written answer E-001774/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)

Subject: FARC on the EU list of terrorist groups

Parliament has reacted quickly to recent developments in the Colombian peace process, which is the subject of negotiations in Havana, by unanimously adopting a resolution to support the peace agreements and set up a trust fund to provide financial support once the agreements have been implemented in the post-conflict phase. The European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs arranged skype meetings between the FARC's chief negotiators and the Colombian Government.

Given Parliament's involvement and position on the issue, will the Commission remove FARC from the EU list of terrorist groups, which has no legal or political basis and was adopted behind closed doors?

Is it not contradictory to support a peace process and invite 'terrorist' groups to participate in parliamentary activity?

Does the Commission not think that the EU runs the risk of being left behind when the US removes this organisation, which is committed to achieving lasting peace, from its list of terrorist groups?

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