Question for written answer E-002115/2016 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130 Javier Nart (ALDE), Carolina Punset (ALDE) and María Teresa Giménez Barbat (ALDE)

Subject: VP/HR - Transparency regarding EU sanctions imposed on ISIL

The US Treasury Department, which is responsible for imposing sanctions on individuals, companies or institutions that collaborate with ISIL, regularly publishes press releases reporting on progress made.

On 25 January 2015, a press release announced sanctions against George Haswani and, on 11 February 2016, against Husayn Juaythini, Turki al-Binali and Faisal al-Zahrani.

Such transparency stands in contrast to the approach adopted by the European Commission and, on a number of occasions, by its High Representative. For example, in answering questions E-007619/2014, E-000429/2015 and E-013472/2015 she was careful not to name names or disclose the nature of the sanctions imposed by the EU.

In view of this:

Will the High Representative consider the possibility of drawing up a list available to the public and disclosing the names of the individuals/institutions/companies penalised for having dealings with ISIL or at least issue regular progress reports, following the example of the US and its Treasury Department?

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