

**Question for written answer E-006521/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Use of the armed forces in civil crises

The rescue work following the recent earthquake in Italy appears to have been carried out purely by Italy's civil system. The disaster killed hundreds of people.

It occurred to outsiders observing events to wonder why Member States' military readiness systems and resources cannot be put to use more quickly and effectively in such situations. The various Member States' military forces have substantial technical and personnel resources, knowhow and readiness to react – quickly too – where necessary.

Will the Commission take action to make it possible for these existing resources to be deployed more quickly in future, including in civil crises in Europe?