

**Question for written answer E-006610/2016/rev.1
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Soros lists

On 14 August 2016, the DC Leaks website published documents from George Soros' Open Society Foundations that point to a strategy of identifying 'key pro-Russian opinion formers' in Europe. The documents show that the aim is to shape European public opinion.

These leaks should set off alarm bells in the European institutions, as they show that a foundation that responds solely to the private interests of George Soros is seeking to interfere in and influence the views and actions of European officials whose job it is to take decisions in the Member States. This represents a clear threat to our democracy and our sovereignty and is a blatant example of interference in our foreign policy with regard to Russia.

What is the EU's stance on this attempt to make European foreign policy dance to the tune of a financial elite in the USA?

What steps is the EU going to take to condemn the Open Society Foundations' efforts to influence and interfere in Europe's internal affairs?

Will there be condemnation of the fact that the foundation is drawing up 'ideological blacklists'?