

**Question for written answer E-006773/2016/rev.1
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - European arms exports to Saudi Arabia

Since 2006, the EU has exported more than EUR 80 billion in arms to Saudi Arabia, and the Saudi monarchy has increased arms spending by 200%.

An estimated 30 000 political prisoners are being detained in Saudi Arabia and more than 200 were sentenced to death in 2015.

Saudi Arabia is a key player in the war in Yemen, in which it uses cluster bombs banned under international conventions signed by the majority of the Member States. The country has attacked civilian targets, including a Médecins Sans Frontières hospital, and is blocking access to food and water for 80% of the population, a practice classified as a war crime.

It uses arms exported from the EU in Yemen and to repress its own population. We have seen images of grenades and rocket launchers manufactured by the Spanish company Instalaza being used in a conflict that has killed over 10 000 Yemenis and forced a further 2 500 000 from their homes.

In February 2016, the European Parliament approved its Resolution on the humanitarian situation in Yemen (2016/2515(RSP)), in which it calls for an arms embargo on Riyadh. What measures have been taken to ensure compliance with the Resolution? Can the VP/HR provide information about these exports?

Given the Spanish Government's non-compliance with the resolution, will the VP/HR take any measures concerning it?