

**Question for written answer E-006940/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: The Arctic international stage

Although the joint communication from the Commission and the High Representative of 27 April 2016 on 'An integrated European Union policy for the Arctic' refers to an important parliamentary body which sometimes discusses Arctic issues, the Nordic Council, the parliamentary dimension of Arctic international cooperation is an area neglected by the communication. Given that the European Parliament is an active member of the Conference of Arctic Parliamentarians and of its Standing Committee (affiliated to the Arctic Council) and of the Barents Parliamentary Conference (affiliated to the Barents Euro-Arctic Council), and bearing in mind that the EU is still regarded with suspicion by some Arctic stakeholders and that the EU's application to become an Arctic Council observer has unfortunately not yet been fully addressed by this organisation, is not time for all EU institutions to act in a coordinated manner on the Arctic international stage?