

**Question for written answer E-006942/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Security considerations

The joint communication from the Commission and the High Representative of 27 April 2016 on 'An integrated European Union policy for the Arctic' does not enter into security considerations and does not make any reference to the new EU Global Strategy for Foreign and Security Policy. However, in the sub-section of the EU Global Strategy reserved for the Arctic region, the Arctic is considered both one of the world's 'cooperative regional orders' and an area of 'selective engagement with Russia'.

Can the Commission and the VP/HR explain this apparent imbalance between these two EU documents issued in the same year?