

**Question for written answer E-007424/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Role of the EU in peace efforts in Syria

Of the significant global powers, Russia and the United States actively affect the war in Syria through their actions. Their efforts to resolve the situation and bring peace to Syria consist of supporting opposite sides. This seems to prolong the war and hinder peace-making. What kind of objectives has the Commission set out for EU actions in Syria, and what is the EU's operational strategy for resolving the conflict? Could the EU try to influence the peace-making process in a more active and distinguishable way?

The current situation is terrible for the civilians in Aleppo, and we seem to be on the brink of a humanitarian disaster. What actions will the Commission take to alleviate this human distress and to secure the survival of hundreds of thousands of civilians?