

Question for written answer E-009052/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - The EU in the Syrian conflict

The armed conflict in Syria, now entering its fifth year, has had devastating consequences: 220 000 dead, 11 million internally displaced persons, 3.9 million refugees, 12.2 million people dependent on humanitarian aid to survive.

On 29 November, the Special Envoy, Staffan de Mistura, told the Foreign Affairs Committee that the EU was essential to the UN's work in Syria.

1. Could you specify what the European Union is doing to work with the UN on a political settlement to the conflict in Syria?
2. Has there been any progress in inter-Syrian talks?
3. Does the VP/HR agree that dialogue between the various parties, apart from the terrorist opposition, is needed in order to resolve the conflict?