

**Question for written answer E-009783/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Monitoring subsidies to France's Human Rights League and its links with the terrorist organisation ETA

Last week, Spain's Guardia Civil carried out a police anti-terrorism operation against ETA which resulted in the arrest of five people and the seizure of weapons and explosives. The operation also brought to light the terror group's links with France's Human Rights League (LDH).

The LDH, which receives 34% of its funding from public organisations and institutions including the EU, is part of the strategy aiming to legitimise ETA's terrorist activities. LDH leaders are working with the terrorist group in order to supervise a form of disarmament in which there is no room for justice, to give the organisation an international voice, and to call for ETA's long-standing demands to be met, including the release of prisoners.

Given that the EU considers ETA to be a terrorist organisation (Common Position 2009/468/CFSP):

1. Is the Commission going to launch any kind of investigation to confirm that the EU-funded activities of the LDH have nothing to do with the action taken in collaboration with ETA?
2. Does the Commission consider it acceptable to grant funding to the LDH given its links to the terrorist organisation ETA, which is outlawed in Spain and internationally?