

**Question for written answer E-000658/2017**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Closure of Guantanamo Bay under Donald Trump's presidency

As President, Barack Obama made the closure of the Guantanamo Bay detention camp one of his key pledges. At the end of his presidential term, only 41 prisoners remained in the camp. The very existence of Guantanamo Bay became a catalyst for terrorism and jihadi propaganda. Over the last few years, the EU and its Member States have supported the USA's efforts to complete the closure of the camp. In June 2009, for example, the Council adopted a joint framework for receiving former prisoners, and a number of Member States have received prisoners transferred from Guantanamo Bay.

Responsibility for closing Guantanamo Bay now rests with the new US Administration. President Donald Trump has broken with his predecessor by opposing any further transfers from the camp and confirming his intention to incarcerate more prisoners there.

In the light of the US Government's new position, does the High Representative intend to open a dialogue with President Trump regarding the closure of Guantanamo Bay in the near future?

What proposals will she put forward so that the EU can continue working with the USA towards this goal?