

**Question for written answer E-001815/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Threat posed by Islamists in Montenegro

The 2016 Commission progress report on Montenegro (2016/2309(INI)) and Charles Tannock's report (A8-0050/2017), which was debated on Wednesday, 15 March 2017 at the part-session in Strasbourg, concern Montenegro's efforts to become a full EU Member State. The *Süddeutsche Zeitung*¹ has reported that Islamic State (IS) and other Islamist groups are operating recruitment camps in Montenegro. In addition, *Bayerischer Rundfunk*² has reported that Montenegrin arms smugglers are constantly being arrested at the Bavarian border.

1. Is the Commission aware of the threat posed by Islamists in Montenegro?
2. If so, why did this matter go unmentioned in its progress report?
3. How does the Commission intend to prevent arms smuggling if Montenegro becomes a full Member State?

¹ <http://www.sueddeutsche.de/politik/kampf-gegen-den-is-rekruten-fuer-die-terrorarmee-1.2159100>

² <http://www.br.de/nachrichten/waffenschmuggel-terrorismus-fahnder-islamisten-balkan-100.html>