

**Question for written answer E-002740/2017**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Javier Couso Permuy (GUE/NGL)**

Subject: VP/HR - A hasty accusation on the part of Federica Mogherini

On 4 April 2017, VP/HR Federica Mogherini hastily, and without any evidence, accused the Assad Government of being behind suspected sarin gas bombings on civilians. Not waiting for an investigation or for evidence as to who was behind the attack, the head of European diplomacy had no trouble asserting that 'the Syrian regime was behind the chemical attack'.

Does she not feel that she made an extremely hasty assertion? Does she intend to apologise for making this accusation before the culprits were identified? Will she call for an OPCW investigation into the attack in accordance with international law?