

**Question for written answer E-002741/2017/rev.1**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - US missiles launched into Syria from Rota

Spain has once again acted as an aircraft carrier for the United States in an overseas mission. The US base in Rota (Cádiz) is home to the USS Porter and USS Ross, two of the destroyers which form part of the anti-missile shield.

The USS Ross and USS Porter, from where the missiles were launched, are currently in the eastern Mediterranean. The ships were used to launch 59 guided missiles.

The four American destroyers deployed from the Cádiz base form the naval component of NATO's missile defence system, the capacity of which includes an Aegis Combat System and its SM-3 missiles. The missiles are capable of intercepting a ballistic missile in flight and detecting it within a radius of more than 500 kilometres.

What is the Commission's opinion of these NATO bases being sited on EU territory? Does it not believe that this is dangerous and only contributes to instability and the escalation of violence?