

**Question for written answer E-003393/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - USA withdraws from the UN Human Rights Council

On 19 June 2018, the USA announced their withdrawal from the UN Human Rights Council. The Council has played a major role over all these years, holding the states accountable for violations of human rights.

This action is following US withdrawal from the climate agreement, the Iran nuclear deal and UNESCO. Over the same period, the US decided to move their embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, despite opposition from the international community, including the EU.

All those actions demonstrate the US intention to distance themselves from collective action and potential consultation efforts with other states and US partners, as well as the EU.

Considering the EU's attitude towards the US on steel and the EU's intention to impose counter-measures:

Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy believe that the EU should consider a global response against the US?