

**Question for oral answer O-000150/2015
to the Commission**

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on behalf of the PPE Group

Subject: Preparation for the UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs

The UN General Assembly will hold a Special Session (UNGASS) on drugs in April 2016. The aim of this session is to review the 'Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem' adopted in 2009 which set goals to be achieved by 2019. The Special Session will assess and review the progress made in implementing the Political Declaration, identifying what has been achieved and what challenges remain in tackling the world drug problem.

It was decided that the preparation process for UNGASS should be adequate and inclusive and to this end an agreement was reached to lead this process in broad consultation by including relevant international and regional organisations, civil society and other relevant stakeholders.

Could the Commission inform the Parliament how the EU will be represented at the Special Session and what is the preparation process for reaching an EU common position?

What elements will be included in the EU common position? What are the main challenges identified in the implementation of the 'Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem' adopted in 2009? To what extent will the discussion be focused on the issue of new psychoactive substances and what is expected to be achieved in this area?

Could the Commission inform the Parliament how civil society has been involved in the preparation process for UNGASS until now and how civil society will continue to be involved in order to ensure that this is an open and inclusive process?

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