

**Question for written answer P-012430/2013
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Opening of an EU delegation in Iran

In its resolution of 24 October 2013 on the Annual Report from the Council to the European Parliament on the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Parliament calls for a review of the infrastructure distribution and staffing of EU delegations in order to ensure that the Union's efficiency, visibility and representation in third countries reflects its political ambitions and expected priorities. Also, and most importantly, Parliament reiterates its demand for the opening of an EU delegation in Iran, a recommendation it has now made for two consecutive years. Meanwhile, according to press reports, Britain and Iran have taken a significant step toward resuming the work of their respective missions in Tehran and London at the level of *chargés d'affaires*.

What consultations with Member States, if any, have taken place regarding the EU's comprehensive approach to Iran (as stipulated in Parliament's reports and resolutions)?

Has the current situation been discussed with the EU embassies in Tehran?

Is there any form of structural cooperation between the various departments of the European External Action Service concerning issues pertaining to the EU's relations with Iran?