

**Question for written answer P-007612/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Provenance of European oil

A meeting of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs was astonished to hear that the European Union is apparently obtaining oil from Islamic State: on 2 September, Jana Hybášková, EU Ambassador to Iraq, stated the following in connection with Iraqi oil from Islamic State (IS): 'Unfortunately, EU Member States are purchasing this oil'.

Bearing in mind that, according to an International Energy Agency report published in August, Islamic State controls no fewer than seven oil fields in Iraq producing 80 000 barrels a day, some experts calculate that this illicit trade in oil earns IS between US\$ 1.5 and 3 million per day.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Does it intend to take measures to prevent the EU from funding this group directly?
2. Given that the European diplomatic service told MEPs in Brussels shortly afterwards that there was no evidence to support the accusations made by the ambassador to Iraq, can it shed light on these accusations, as the European Parliament's latest resolution on this issue has requested?