

**Question for written answer P-010856/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

Rule 130

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Subject: VP/HR - Cuts in funding to Camp Liberty's monitoring missions

Camp Liberty in Iraq hosts the forcibly displaced former Camp Ashraf residents, transferred by decision of Al Maliki's government after repeated attacks, killings and kidnappings of its residents. It was only after the intervention by the United Nations, the United States and the European Union that Camp Ashraf residents agreed to leave their home of 26 years and be relocated.

Following these events, the EU committed, together with the UN, to financially contribute to the monitoring and safeguarding of the former Camp Ashraf residents in Camp Liberty through UNHCR and UNAMI missions on the ground.

Your recent announcement of cuts in funding leaves the residents in a severely complicated situation. The continuous presence of paramilitary militias such as the Quds Force is a constant threat to the security and wellbeing of the refugees, which the EU and the UN have committed to support.

1. What consequences do you consider your decision entails?
2. What criteria underlie this decision?
3. In furtherance of the EU's renowned position and commitment to the defence and promotion of human rights, are you considering reallocation of funding to the monitoring mission?