

**Question for written answer P-005276/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Exports of military technology and equipment to Egypt

Seven hundred and fifty-four people have been victims of extra-judicial killings in Egypt this year, and government forces were responsible for the disappearance of 1 700 people in 2015. Egypt is second in the world for the number of journalists it imprisons.

These human rights violations are also committed against EU citizens. The Italian student Giulio Regeni was tortured and killed this year, and the Egyptian authorities continue to refuse to cooperate in investigations into what happened. The British journalist Liliane Daoud was also deported recently.

What is more, 12 of the 28 Member States are among Egypt's main suppliers of weapons and police equipment. They are therefore in breach of the conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Council of 21 August 2013 and criterion 2 of Common Position 2008/944/PESC, which prevents the export of military technology and equipment which might be used for internal repression.

Given that in her answer to E-010476/2015 the VP/HR confirmed that these conclusions remain in force, can the Commission say:

1. What steps will it take to ensure the Member States comply with these agreements?
2. How likely is it that the conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Council of 21 August 2013 will be amended to allow the export of such equipment?
3. What action will it take in response to human rights violations against EU citizens?