

Question for written answer P-000426/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Astana talks and the EU's role

Peace talks between the Syrian Government and the Syrian opposition began in Astana on 23 January 2017 with the aim of establishing a peace agreement that will bring the six-year conflict to an end.

These peace talks are a Russian initiative, with Turkey and Iran also taking part, as these three countries are the most important regional players as regards achieving lasting peace in Syria. The UN will be represented by its Special Envoy, Staffan de Mistura.

1. Will the EU be assisting in the search for peace in Syria? Will it take a constructive role in the talks, rather than a partisan one in the conflict?
2. Is the EEAS monitoring the situation?