

**Question for written answer P-007262/2017/rev.1**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 130  
**Udo Voigt (NI)**

Subject: Verification procedure as set out in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 against the Alliance for Peace and Freedom (APF)

In order to verify that the Alliance for Peace and Freedom (APF) respects the EU's fundamental values, Parliament initiated the verification procedure set out in Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003 against the Group in its Decision of 12 May 2016. Other than the hearing of party representatives at the AFCD Committee meeting on 9 February 2017, Parliament has taken no measures to advance the procedure. Above all, an opinion has yet to be received from the committee of independent eminent persons, although it should have commented on the matter within a reasonable period in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 5(2) of Regulation (EC) No 2004/2003.

In a letter of 12 October 2017, the President of the European Parliament stated that the committee of independent eminent persons was not able to provide an opinion as the nominated Council representative, Mr Korčok, was elected to hold the position only until 31 December 2016 and the Council had yet to appoint his successor.

As a member of the Alliance for Peace and Freedom Group myself, I would like the Council to answer the following questions:

1. Why has the Council still not elected someone to succeed Mr Korčok on the committee of independent eminent persons?
2. When will an election for this position be held?