

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1498/99  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Groups hiring out mercenaries

There have recently been increasingly frequent reports of groups hiring out mercenaries, usually from Europe and mainly to Africa, but also to other theatres of war.

1.       Is the Commission aware of these activities?
2.       Does the Commission see action to combat such groups as a task to be performed at Union level?
3.       Has the Commission already taken steps to prevent such machinations? If so, what steps? If not, why not?