

**Question for written answer E-004851/2012**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: VP/HR - Use of EU aid to Pakistan

In January 2012 the European Union Ambassador and Head of the EU Delegation to Pakistan, Lars-Gunnar Wigemark, announced EUR 15 million of EU aid to Pakistan to support the fight against terrorism. Terrorism is quite often a result of intolerance and fundamentalism in society, therefore it is vital to address its root causes.

What steps will the European External Action Service take to ensure that these funds are used as leverage to encourage:

- the abolition of Sharia law and ensuring that abolition is implemented;
- the protection of the rights of women and children;
- bringing to a halt human rights abuses in Balochistan and Gilgit-Baltistan?