

**Question for written answer E-001307/2013
to the Council
Rule 117
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Subject: Hezbollah and the EU list of terrorist organisations

On 2 February 2013, the Bulgarian Minister of the Interior announced that two members of the Lebanese organisation Hezbollah had been involved in the suicide attack on Israeli tourists on 18 July 2012 in Burgas (Bulgaria). Moreover, it has already been demonstrated in the past that Hezbollah was involved in numerous attacks on targets both inside and outside Lebanon.

Hezbollah has been on the American and Canadian lists of terrorist organisations for many years. Since 2008, the Netherlands too has regarded Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation. The United Kingdom classifies the military wing of Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation.

1. Does the Council agree with my analysis that Hezbollah has been carrying out attacks for 30 years, inter alia on Israeli, American, French and German targets, that Hezbollah receives support from Syria and Iran, and that Hezbollah is responsible for the death of many civilians and military personnel, both inside and outside Lebanon?
2. Does the Council agree that, in view of the findings of the Bulgarian investigation into the suicide attack in Burgas, Hezbollah's status should be reviewed? Will the Council take any action to reduce Hezbollah's capacity to carry out attacks and military action?
3. Does the Council agree that the example of the USA, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and other countries should be emulated by placing Hezbollah on the European list of terrorist organisations?
4. Will the Council review its relations with the Lebanese Government, of which Hezbollah is also a component?